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S. 18

To prohibit authorized committees and leadership PACs from employing the spouse or immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. VITTER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON EMPLOYMENT OF FAMILY**
4 **MEMBERS OF A CANDIDATE OR FEDERAL OF-**
5 **FICE HOLDER BY CERTAIN POLITICAL COM-**
6 **MITTEES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Federal Election
8 Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30101 et seq.) is

1 amended by inserting after section 324 the following new
 2 section:

3 **“SEC. 325. PROHIBITION ON EMPLOYMENT OF FAMILY**
 4 **MEMBERS OF A CANDIDATE OR FEDERAL OF-**
 5 **FICE HOLDER BY CERTAIN POLITICAL COM-**
 6 **MITTEES.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for any au-
 8 thorized committee of a candidate or any other political
 9 committee established, maintained, or controlled by a can-
 10 didate or a person who holds a Federal office to employ—

11 “(1) the spouse of such candidate or Federal
 12 office holder; or

13 “(2) any immediate family member of such can-
 14 didate or Federal office holder.

15 “(b) IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER.—For purposes of
 16 subsection (a), the term ‘immediate family member’ means
 17 a son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, son-in-law, daugh-
 18 ter-in-law, mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, mother-
 19 in-law, father-in-law, brother, sister, stepbrother, or step-
 20 sister of the Member.”.

21 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
 22 this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment
 23 of this Act.

1 **SEC. 2. SPOUSE LOBBYING MEMBER.**

2 Section 207(e) of title 18, United States Code, is
3 amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(10) SPOUSES.—Any person who is the spouse
5 of a Member of Congress and who was not serving
6 as a registered lobbyist at least 1 year prior to the
7 election of that Member of Congress to office and
8 who, after the election of such Member, knowingly
9 lobbies on behalf of a client for compensation any
10 Member of Congress or is associated with any such
11 lobbying activity by an employer of that spouse shall
12 be punished as provided in section 216 of this
13 title.”.

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