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H. R. 528

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit individuals holding Federal office from directly soliciting contributions to or on behalf of any political committee under such Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 13, 2017

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. JONES, and Mr. NOLAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stop Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING DIRECT SOLICITATION OF CAMPAIGN**
2 **CONTRIBUTIONS OR FUNDS FOR FEDERAL**
3 **ELECTION ACTIVITY BY FEDERAL OFFICE-**
4 **HOLDERS.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—Section 323(e) of the Federal
6 Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30125(e)) is
7 amended—

8 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through
9 (4) as paragraphs (3) through (5), respectively; and
10 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
11 lowing new paragraph:

12 “(2) PROHIBITING DIRECT SOLICITATIONS FOR
13 FEDERAL ELECTION PURPOSES BY FEDERAL OF-
14 FICEHOLDERS.—

15 “(A) PROHIBITION.—In addition to the
16 prohibitions on soliciting funds set forth under
17 paragraph (1), an individual holding Federal of-
18 fice shall not solicit funds directly from any
19 person—

20 “(i) for or on behalf of any political
21 committee; or

22 “(ii) for or on behalf of any person for
23 use for Federal election activity (as defined
24 in section 301(20)).

25 “(B) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING
26 PARTICIPATION IN FUNDRAISING EVENTS.—

1 Nothing in this paragraph may be construed to
2 prohibit an individual holding Federal office
3 from participating in a fundraising event, in-
4 cluding planning or attending the event, speak-
5 ing at the event, or serving as a featured guest
6 at the event, so long as the individual does not
7 engage in any written or verbal solicitation of
8 funds in connection with the event.”.

9 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO AT-
10 TENDANCE AT STATE AND LOCAL POLITICAL PARTY
11 FUNDRAISING EVENTS.—Section 323(e)(4) of such Act
12 (52 U.S.C. 30125(e)(4)), as redesignated by subsection
13 (a)(1), is amended—

14 (1) by striking “Notwithstanding paragraph (1)
15 or subsection (b)(2)(C),” and inserting “Notwith-
16 standing paragraph (1), paragraph (2), or sub-
17 section (b)(2)(C),”; and

18 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-
19 ing the following: “, so long as, in the case of an in-
20 dividual holding Federal office, the individual does
21 not engage in any written or verbal solicitation of
22 funds in connection with the event.”.

1 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with
3 respect to solicitations made on or after the date of the
4 enactment of this Act.

