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# H. R. 87

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLINGER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on House Administration

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. VOLUNTARY PROVISION FOR LIMITATION OF**  
2 **CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OUTSIDE THE DIS-**  
3 **TRICT AND FROM OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS**  
4 **IN THE DISTRICT TO 45 PERCENT OF TOTAL**  
5 **CONTRIBUTIONS TO A CANDIDATE IN A**  
6 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CAMPAIGN.**

7 Section 315 of the Federal Election Campaign Act  
8 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a) is amended by adding at the end  
9 the following new subsections:

10 “(i)(1) Not later than 30 days after an individual be-  
11 comes a candidate for the office of Representative in, or  
12 Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress, that  
13 individual shall file with the Commission a declaration of  
14 whether or not the individual will comply with paragraph  
15 (2) and paragraph (3). If a candidate in an election for  
16 such office chooses not to comply with both such para-  
17 graphs, only paragraph (2) shall apply to such candidate  
18 and neither paragraph (2) nor paragraph (3) shall apply  
19 to the other candidates in the election.

20 “(2) A candidate for the office of Representative in,  
21 or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress  
22 who agrees to be subject to this section may not accept  
23 a contribution with respect to an election if—

24 “(A) the contribution is from a person other  
25 than an individual resident of the district; and

1           “(B) the sum of the contribution and the total  
2           of contributions previously accepted from such per-  
3           sons exceeds the amount equal to 45 percent of the  
4           total of contributions accepted from all sources.

5           “(3) For purposes of paragraph (1), in determining  
6           the total amount of contributions from individuals resident  
7           in a district, not more than \$1,000 in contributions from  
8           the personal funds of the candidate may be taken into ac-  
9           count.

10          “(4) In each report of contributions under this Act,  
11          a candidate referred to in paragraph (1) shall certify com-  
12          pliance with this subsection.

13          “(j)(1) If a candidate accepts contributions with re-  
14          spect to a reporting period that exceed a limitation under  
15          subsection (i), the candidate, at the time of filing the re-  
16          port involved, shall pay to the Commission, for deposit in  
17          the general fund of the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts,  
18          a civil fine.

19          “(2) In the case of reporting periods under section  
20          304(a)(2)(A), the civil fines shall be as follows: (A) 1st  
21          quarter report, 2 times the excess amount; (B) 2d quarter  
22          report, 3 times the excess amount; (C) pre-primary report,  
23          3 times the excess amount; (D) 3d quarter report, 3 times  
24          the excess amount; (E) pregeneral election report, 5 times  
25          the excess amount; (F) postgeneral election report, 5 times

1 the excess amount; and (G) 4th quarter report, 5 times  
2 the excess amount.

3 “(3) In the case of reporting periods under section  
4 304(a)(2)(B), the civil fine shall be an amount equal to  
5 the excess amount.”.

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