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S. 829

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to regulate the length and certain other aspects of television commercials authorized by a political candidate.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 27 (legislative day, APRIL 19), 1993

Mr. DORGAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Campaign Advertising
5 Accountability Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. POLITICAL ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS.**

7 Section 315 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
8 U.S.C. 315) is amended by redesignating subsections (c)
9 and (d) as subsections (d) and (e), respectively, and by

1 inserting immediately after subsection (b) the following
2 new subsection:

3 “(c) If any legally qualified candidate for any Federal
4 elective office (or an authorized committee of any such
5 candidate) uses a broadcast station to broadcast a political
6 advertising communication during any period to which the
7 lowest unit charge requirement of subsection (b)(1) ap-
8 plies, such communication shall be at least 5 minutes in
9 length. For no less than 75 percent of the length of the
10 communication, an unobscured full face picture of the can-
11 didate, occupying no less than 40 percent of the television
12 safe screen area, shall be displayed.”.

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