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H. R. 1694

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for a voluntary limitation on contributions from other than individual district residents in House of Representatives elections.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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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