

105TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1081

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reduce the influence of multicandidate political committees in elections for Federal office.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 1997

Mr. SMITH 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “PAC Limitation Act
5 of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. BAN ON MULTICANDIDATE POLITICAL COMMITTEE**
2 **CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES IN ELEC-**
3 **TIONS FOR FEDERAL OFFICE.**

4 Section 315(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Election Cam-
5 paign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(2)(A)) is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 “(A) to any candidate and his authorized politi-
8 cal committees with respect to any election for Fed-
9 eral office;”.

10 **SEC. 3. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ELECTION LIMITA-**
11 **TION ON CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SOURCES**
12 **OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT.**

13 Section 315 of the Federal Election Campaign Act
14 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a), is amended by adding at the
15 end the following new subsection:

16 “(i) A candidate for the office of Representative in,
17 or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress
18 may not, with respect to a reporting period for an election,
19 accept contributions from all sources outside the congres-
20 sional district involved totaling in excess of the total of
21 contributions accepted from individual residents of the
22 congressional district involved.”.

1 **SEC. 4. LIMITATION ON ACCEPTANCE OF SOFT MONEY BY**
2 **NATIONAL AND CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-**
3 **TEES OF POLITICAL PARTIES.**

4 Title III of the Federal Election Campaign Act of
5 1971 is amended by adding at the end the following new
6 section:

7 “LIMITATION ON ACCEPTANCE OF SOFT MONEY BY NA-
8 TIONAL AND CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES OF PO-
9 LITICAL PARTIES

10 “SEC. 323. A national committee of a political party
11 and the congressional campaign committees of a political
12 party may not, in any calendar year, accept more than
13 \$25,000 from any single person in contributions or trans-
14 fers that are not subject to the limitations, prohibitions,
15 and reporting requirements of this Act.”.

16 **SEC. 5. REPORTS ON FEDERAL POLITICAL ADVERTISE-**
17 **MENTS CARRIED BY RADIO STATIONS, TELE-**
18 **VISION STATIONS, AND CABLE SYSTEMS.**

19 Title III of the Federal Election Campaign Act of
20 1971, as amended by section 4, is further amended by
21 adding at the end the following new section:

22 “REPORTS ON FEDERAL POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS
23 CARRIED BY RADIO STATIONS, TELEVISION STA-
24 TIONS, AND CABLE SYSTEMS.

25 “SEC. 324. At such times and in such manner as the
26 Commission shall prescribe by regulation, each operator

1 of a radio broadcasting station, television broadcasting
2 station, or cable system shall report to the Commission
3 the identity of each advertiser, the cost, the duration, and
4 other appropriate information with respect to each Fed-
5 eral political advertisement carried by the station or sys-
6 tem, including any advertisement advocating the passage
7 or defeat of Federal legislation, any advertisement advo-
8 cating the election or defeat of a candidate for Federal
9 office, and any advertisement characterizing the positions
10 taken by such a candidate.”

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