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# H. R. 797

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 1997

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

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. REDUCTION IN AMOUNT MULTICANDIDATE PO-**  
4 **LITICAL COMMITTEE MAY CONTRIBUTE TO**  
5 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CANDIDATE.**

6 Section 315(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Election Cam-  
7 paign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(2)(A)) is amended  
8 by striking “\$5,000” and inserting the following: “(i)

1 \$5,000, or (ii) in the case of a candidate for the office  
2 of Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commis-  
3 sioner to, the Congress and the authorized political com-  
4 mittees of such candidate, the amount of the limitation  
5 provided under paragraph (1)(A) with respect to contribu-  
6 tions made by individuals”.

7 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING AT LEAST 70 PERCENT OF CONTRIBU-**  
8 **TIONS TO A HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE**  
9 **CANDIDATE TO BE FROM IN-STATE INDIVID-**  
10 **UAL RESIDENTS.**

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

14 “(i)(1) With respect to each reporting period for an  
15 election, the total of contributions accepted by a candidate  
16 for the office of Representative in, or Delegate or Resident  
17 Commissioner to, the Congress from in-State individual  
18 residents shall be at least 70 percent of the total of con-  
19 tributions accepted from all sources.

20 “(2) As used in this subsection, the term ‘in-State  
21 individual resident’ means an individual who resides in the  
22 State in which the congressional district involved is lo-  
23 cated.”.

1 **SEC. 3. WAIVER OF RESTRICTIONS FOR OPPONENTS OF**  
2 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATE**  
3 **WITH CONTRIBUTIONS OF PERSONAL FUNDS**  
4 **IN EXCESS OF \$50,000.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 315 of the Federal Elec-  
6 tion Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a), as amended  
7 by section 2, is further amended by adding at the end the  
8 following new subsection:

9 “(j) In the case of an election to the office of Rep-  
10 resentative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to,  
11 the Congress, if any candidate in the election has a total  
12 amount of personal contributions in excess of \$50,000—

13 “(1) subsection (a)(2)(A)(i) shall apply with re-  
14 spect to any opponent of such candidate; and

15 “(2) subsection (i) shall not apply with respect  
16 to any opponent of such candidate.”.

17 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section  
18 315(a)(2)(A)(ii) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(2)(A)(ii)),  
19 as added by section 1, is amended by inserting after “such  
20 candidate” the following: “(except as provided in sub-  
21 section (j))”.

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