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# H. R. 2154

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for separate limitations on contributions to qualifying and nonqualifying House of Representatives candidates.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 19, 1993

Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself, Mr. INSLEE, Ms. SHEPHERD, Mr. STUPAK, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. HOLDEN, and Mr. BROWDER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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## A BILL

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for separate limitations on contributions to qualifying and nonqualifying House of Representatives candidates.

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. LIMITATIONS APPLICABLE TO CONTRIBUTIONS**2 **TO QUALIFYING AND NONQUALIFYING**  
3 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CANDIDATES.**4 Section 315 of the Federal Election Campaign Act  
5 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a) is amended by adding at the end  
6 the following new subsection:7 “(i)(1) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(1)(A), sub-  
8 section (a)(2)(A), or any other provision of this Act—9 “(A) no person shall make contributions to any  
10 qualifying House of Representatives candidate with  
11 respect to a general election and any primary elec-  
12 tion relating to that general election which, in the  
13 aggregate, exceed \$1,000; and14 “(B) no multicandidate political committee shall  
15 make contributions to any qualifying House of Rep-  
16 resentatives candidate with respect to a general elec-  
17 tion and any primary election relating to that gen-  
18 eral election which, in the aggregate, exceed \$5,000.19 “(2) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(1)(A), sub-  
20 section (a)(2)(A), or any other provision of this Act—21 “(A) no person shall make contributions to any  
22 candidate for the office of Representative in, or Del-  
23 egate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress  
24 (other than a qualifying House of Representatives  
25 candidate) with respect to a general election and any

1 primary election relating to that general election  
2 which, in the aggregate, exceed \$500; and

3 “(B) no multicandidate political committee shall  
4 make contributions to any candidate for the office of  
5 Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commis-  
6 sioner to, the Congress (other than a qualifying  
7 House of Representatives candidate) with respect to  
8 a general election and any primary election relating  
9 to that general election which, in the aggregate, ex-  
10 ceed \$1,000.”.

11 **SEC. 2. LIMITATIONS ON MULTICANDIDATE POLITICAL**  
12 **COMMITTEE AND LARGE DONOR CONTRIBU-**  
13 **TIONS THAT MAY BE ACCEPTED BY QUALIFY-**  
14 **ING AND NONQUALIFYING HOUSE OF REP-**  
15 **RESENTATIVES CANDIDATES.**

16 Section 315 of the Federal Election Campaign Act  
17 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a), as amended by section 1, is fur-  
18 ther amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
19 sections:

20 “(j)(1) A qualifying House of Representatives can-  
21 didate may not, with respect to an election cycle, accept  
22 contributions from the sources specified in paragraph (2)  
23 aggregating in excess of \$200,000.

24 “(2) The sources referred to in paragraph (1) are—  
25 “(A) multicandidate political committees; and

1           “(B) persons other than multicandidate political  
2        committees whose contributions total more than  
3        \$250.

4           “(k)(1) A candidate for the office of Representative  
5        in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress  
6        (other than a qualifying House of Representatives can-  
7        didate) may not, with respect to an election cycle, accept  
8        contributions from the sources specified in paragraph (2)  
9        aggregating in excess of \$100,000.

10          “(2) The sources referred to in paragraph (1) are—  
11           “(A) multicandidate political committees; and  
12           “(B) persons other than multicandidate political  
13        committees whose contributions total more than  
14        \$250.”.

15 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION AMENDMENT.**

16          Section 301 of the Federal Election Campaign Act  
17        of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431) is amended by striking out para-  
18        graph (19) and inserting in lieu thereof the following new  
19        paragraphs:

20          “(19) The term ‘qualifying House of Representatives  
21        candidate’ means a candidate for election to the office of  
22        Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner  
23        to, the Congress, who, as determined by the Commission,  
24        agrees to limit expenditures to \$400,000 with respect to  
25        an election cycle.

1       “(20) The term ‘election cycle’ means—

2           “(A) in the case of a candidate or the authorized  
3           committees of a candidate, the term beginning  
4           on the day after the date of the most recent general  
5           election for the specific office which such candidate  
6           seeks and ending on the date of the next general  
7           election for such office; and

8           “(B) for all other persons, the term beginning  
9           on the first day following the date of the last general  
10           election and ending on the date of the next general  
11           election.”.

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