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To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reduce special interest influence on elections, to increase competition in politics, to

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Mr. DOLE (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. PACKWOOD, Mr. LOTT, Mr. GORTON, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. NICKLES, and Mr. CHAFEE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

A BILL

- To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reduce special interest influence on elections, to increase competition in politics, to reduce campaign costs, and for other purposes.
 - 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; AMENDMENT OF FECA; TABLE

4 **OF CONTENTS.**

- 5 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
- 6 "Comprehensive Campaign Finance Reform Act of 1993".

- 1 (b) AMENDMENT OF FECA.—When used in this Act,
- 2 the term "FECA" means the Federal Election Campaign
- 3 Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431 et seq.).
- 4 (c) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—
 - Sec. 1. Short title; amendment of FECA; table of contents.

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- Sec. 423. Severability.
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TITLE I—REDUCTION OF SPECIAL INTEREST INFLUENCE Subtitle A—Elimination of Political Action Committees From Federal Election Activities

6 SEC. 101. BAN ON ACTIVITIES OF POLITICAL ACTION COM-

MITTEES IN FEDERAL ELECTIONS.

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of FECA (2 U.S.C. 301

9 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following10 new section:

11 "BAN ON FEDERAL ELECTION ACTIVITIES BY POLITICAL

12 ACTION COMMITTEES

"SEC. 324. Notwithstanding any other provision of
this Act, no person other than an individual or a political
committee may make contributions, solicit or receive contributions, or make expenditures for the purpose of influencing an election for Federal office.".

1	(b) Definition of Political Committee.—(1)
2	Section 301(4) of FECA (2 U.S.C. 431(4)) is amended
3	to read as follows:
4	''(4) The term 'political committee' means—
5	''(A) the principal campaign committee of
6	a candidate;
7	"(B) any national, State, or district com-
8	mittee of a political party, including any subor-
9	dinate committee thereof;
10	"(C) any local committee of a political
11	party which—
12	"(i) receives contributions aggregating
13	in excess of \$5,000 during a calendar year;
14	"(ii) makes payments exempted from
15	the definition of contribution or expendi-
16	ture under paragraph (8) or (9) aggregat-
17	ing in excess of \$5,000 during a calendar
18	year; or
19	"(iii) makes contributions or expendi-
20	tures aggregating in excess of \$1,000 dur-
21	ing a calendar year; and
22	"(D) any committee jointly established by
23	a principal campaign committee and any com-
24	mittee described in subparagraph (B) or (C) for

the purpose of conducting joint fundraising
 activities.".

3 (2) Section 316(b)(2) of FECA (2 U.S.C.
4 441b(b)(2)) is amended by striking subparagraphs (B)
5 and (C).

6 (c) CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEES.—(1) Section 315(a)
7 of FECA (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)) is amended by adding at the
8 end the following new paragraph:

9 "(9) For the purposes of the limitations provided by 10 paragraphs (1) and (2), any political committee which is 11 established or financed or maintained or controlled by any 12 candidate or Federal officeholder shall be deemed to be 13 an authorized committee of such candidate or office-14 holder.".

15 (2) Section 302(e)(3) of FECA (2 U.S.C. 432) is16 amended to read as follows:

"(3) No political committee that supports or has supported more than one candidate may be designated as an
authorized committee, except that—

"(A) a candidate for the office of President
nominated by a political party may designate the national committee of such political party as the candidate's principal campaign committee, but only if
that national committee maintains separate books of

account with respect to its functions as a principal
 campaign committee; and

3 "(B) a candidate may designate a political com4 mittee established solely for the purpose of joint
5 fundraising by such candidates as an authorized
6 committee.".

7 (d) RULES APPLICABLE WHEN BAN NOT IN EF-8 FECT.—For purposes of the Federal Election Campaign 9 Act of 1971, during any period in which the limitation 10 under section 324 of that Act (as added by subsection (a)) 11 is not in effect—

12 (1) the amendments made by subsections (a)13 and (b) shall not be in effect; and

14 (2) it shall be unlawful for any person that—
15 (A) is treated as a political committee by
16 reason of paragraph (1); and

(B) is not directly or indirectly established,
administered, or supported by a connected organization which is a corporation, labor organization, or trade association,

to make contributions to any candidate or the candidate's authorized committee for any election aggregating in excess of \$1,000.

Subtitle B—Ban on Soft Money in Federal Elections

3 SEC. 111. BAN ON SOFT MONEY.

4 Section 315 of FECA (2 U.S.C. 441a) is amended
5 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

6 "(i) BAN ON SOFT MONEY.—(1) It shall be unlawful
7 for the purpose of influencing any election to Federal of8 fice—

9 "(A) to solicit or receive any soft money; or

10 "(B) to make any payments from soft money.
11 "(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), the term 'soft
12 money' means any amount—

13 "(A) solicited or received from a source which
14 is prohibited under section 316(a);

15 "(B) contributed, solicited, or received in excess
16 of the contribution limits under section 315; or

17 "(C) not subject to the recordkeeping, report18 ing, or disclosure requirements under section 304 or
19 any other provision of this Act.".

20 SEC. 112. RESTRICTIONS ON PARTY COMMITTEES.

21 (a) DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION BY POLITICAL
22 COMMITTEE.—(1) Section 302(c) of FECA (2 U.S.C.
23 432(c)) is amended—

24 (A) by striking "and" at the end of paragraph25 (4);

(B) by striking the period at the end of para-1 2 graph (5) and inserting "; and"; and 3 (C) by adding at the end the following new paragraph: 4 "(6) each account maintained by a political 5 committee of a political party (including Federal and 6 7 non-Federal accounts), and deposits into, and dis-8 bursements from, each such account.". 9 (2) Section 304(b) of FECA (2 U.S.C. 434(b)) is amended— 10 (A) by striking "and" at the end of paragraph 11 (7);12 (B) by striking the period at the end of para-13 graph (8) and inserting "; and"; and 14 (C) by adding at the end the following new 15 16 paragraph: 17 "(9) each account maintained by a political 18 committee of a political party (including Federal and 19 non-Federal accounts), and deposits into, and dis-20 bursements from, each such account.". 21 (b) Allocation of Expenditures for Mixed Ac-22 TIVITIES.—Title III of FECA, as amended by section 101(a), is amended by adding at the end the following new 23 section: 24

"REQUIRED ALLOCATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND EX PENDITURES FOR MIXED ACTIVITIES BY POLITICAL
 PARTY COMMITTEES

"Sec. 325. (a) Regulations Requiring Alloca-4 TION FOR MIXED ACTIVITIES.—Not later than 180 days 5 after the date of the enactment of this section, the Com-6 7 mission shall issue regulations providing for a method for allocating the contributions and expenditures for any 8 9 mixed activity between Federal and non-Federal accounts. 10 "(b) GUIDELINES FOR ALLOCATION.—(1) The regu-11 lations issued under subsection (a) shall—

12 "(A) provide for the allocation of contributions
13 and expenditures in accordance with this subsection;
14 and

15 "(B) require reporting under this Act of expenditures in connection with a mixed activity to disclose—

"(i) the method and rationale used in allocating the cost of the mixed activity to Federal
and non-Federal accounts; and

21 "(ii) the amount and percentage of the
22 cost of the mixed activity allocated to such
23 accounts.

24 "(2) In the case of a mixed activity that consists of25 a voter registration drive, get-out-the-vote drive, or other

activity designed to contact voters (other than an activity
 to which paragraph (3) or (4) applies), amounts shall be
 allocated on the basis of the composition of the ballot for
 the political jurisdiction in which the activity occurs, ex cept that in no event shall the amounts allocated to the
 Federal account be less than—

7 "(A) 33¹/₃ percent of the total amount in the
8 case of the national committee of a political party;
9 or

10 "(B) 25 percent of the total amount in the case
11 of a State or local committee of a political party or
12 any subordinate committee thereof.

"(3) In the case of a mixed activity that consists of 13 preparing and distributing brochures, handbills, slate 14 15 cards, or other printed materials identifying or seeking support of (or opposition to) candidates for both Federal 16 offices and non-Federal offices, amounts shall be allocated 17 on the basis of total space devoted to such candidates, ex-18 cept that in no event shall the amounts allocated to the 19 Federal account be less than the percentages under sub-20 paragraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (2). 21

"(4)(A) In the case of a mixed activity by a national
committee of a political party that consists of broadcast
media advertising (or any portion thereof) that promotes
(or is in opposition to) a political party without mentioning

the name of any individual candidate for Federal office
 or non-Federal office, amounts allocated to the Federal
 account shall not be less than—

4 ''(i) 50 percent of the total amount in the case
5 of advertising in the national media market; and

6 "(ii) 40 percent in the case of advertising in7 other than the national media market.

"(B) In the case of a mixed activity by a State or 8 local committee of a political party or any subordinate 9 committee thereof that consists of broadcast media adver-10 tising (or any portion thereof) described in subparagraph 11 (A), costs shall be allocated on the basis of the composition 12 of the ballot for the political jurisdiction in which the ac-13 tivity occurs, except that in no event shall the amounts 14 15 allocated to the Federal account be less than 33¹/₃ percent of the total amount. 16

17 "(5) Overhead and fundraising costs of a political 18 committee of a political party for each 2-calendar year pe-19 riod ending with the calendar year in which a regularly 20 scheduled election for Federal office occurs shall be allo-21 cated to the Federal account on the basis of the same ratio 22 which—

23 "(A) the aggregate amount of receipts and dis-24 bursements of such political committee during such

period in connection with elections for Federal office,
 bears to

3 "(B) the aggregate amount of receipts and dis4 bursements of such political committee during such
5 period.

6 "(c) MIXED ACTIVITY.—(1) For purposes of this sec-7 tion, the term 'mixed activity' means an activity the ex-8 penditures in connection with which are required under 9 this Act to be allocated between Federal and non-Federal 10 accounts because such activity affects 1 or more elections 11 for Federal office and 1 or more non-Federal elections. 12 "(2) Activities under paragraph (1) include—

''(A) voter registration drives, get-out-thevote drives, telephone banks, and membership
communications in connection with elections for
Federal offices and elections for non-Federal
offices;

18 "(B) general political advertising, bro-19 chures, or other materials that include any ref-20 erence (however incidental) to both a candidate for Federal office and a candidate for non-Fed-21 22 eral office, or that urge support for or opposi-23 tion to a political party or to all the candidates 24 of a political party;

25 "(C) overhead expenses; and

"(D) activities described in clauses (v), (x), 1 2 and (xii) of section 301(8)(B). "(d) ACCOUNTS.—For purposes of this section— 3 "(1) the term 'Federal account' means an ac-4 5 count to which receipts and disbursements are allo-6 cated to elections for Federal offices; and 7 "(2) the term 'non-Federal account' means an account to which receipts and disbursements are al-8 9 located to elections other than non-Federal offices.". 10 SEC. 113. PROTECTION FOR EMPLOYEES. 11 (a) CONTRIBUTIONS TO ALL POLITICAL COMMIT-TEES INCLUDED.—Section 316(b)(2) of FECA (2 U.S.C. 12 441b(b)(2)) is amended by inserting "political commit-13 tee," after "campaign committee,". 14 15 (b) APPLICABILITY OF REQUIREMENTS TO LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.—Section 316(b) of FECA (2 U.S.C. 16 17 441b(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following 18 new paragraph: "(8)(A) Subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of para-19 graph (2) shall not apply to a labor organization unless 20 the organization meets the requirements of subparagraphs 21

22 (B), (C), and (D).

23 "(B) The requirements of this subparagraph are met
24 only if the labor organization provides, at least once annu25 ally, to all employees within the labor organization's bar-

gaining unit or units (and to new employees within 30
 days after commencement of their employment) written
 notification presented in a manner to inform any such em ployee—

5 "(i) that an employee cannot be obligated to 6 pay, through union dues or any other mandatory 7 payment to a labor organization, for the political activities of the labor organization, including, but not 8 9 limited to, the maintenance and operation of, or so-10 licitation of contributions to, a political committee, 11 political communications to members, and voter reg-12 istration and get-out-the-vote campaigns;

13 "(ii) that no employee may be required actually 14 to join any labor organization, but if a collective bar-15 gaining agreement covering an employee purports to 16 require membership or payment of dues or other 17 fees to a labor organization as a condition of em-18 ployment, the employee may elect instead to pay an 19 agency fee to the labor organization;

"(iii) that the amount of the agency fee shall be
limited to the employee's pro rata share of the cost
of the labor organization's exclusive representation
services to the employee's collective bargaining unit,
including collective bargaining, contract administration, and grievance adjustment;

"(iv) that an employee who elects to be a full
member of the labor organization and pay membership dues is entitled to a reduction of those dues by
the employee's pro rata share of the total spending
by the labor organization for political activities;

6 "(v) that the cost of the labor organization's ex-7 clusive representation services, and the amount of 8 spending by such organization for political activities, 9 shall be computed on the basis of such cost and 10 spending for the immediately preceding fiscal year of 11 such organization; and

12 "(vi) of the amount of the labor organization's 13 full membership dues, initiation fees, and assess-14 ments for the current year; the amount of the re-15 duced membership dues, subtracting the employee's 16 pro rata share of the organization's spending for po-17 litical activities, for the current year; and the 18 amount of the agency fee for the current year.

19 "(C) The requirements of this subparagraph are met 20 only if, for purposes of verifying the cost of such labor 21 organization's exclusive representation services, the labor 22 organization provides all represented employees an annual 23 examination by an independent certified public accountant 24 of financial statements supplied by such organization 25 which verify the cost of such services; except that such examination shall, at a minimum, constitute a 'special re port' as interpreted by the Association of Independent
 Certified Public Accountants.

4 "(D) The requirements of this subparagraph are met5 only if the labor organization—

6 "(i) maintains procedures to promptly deter-7 mine the costs that may properly be charged to 8 agency fee payors as costs of exclusive representa-9 tion, and explains such procedures in the written no-10 tification required under subparagraph (B); and

"(ii) if any person challenges the costs which
may be properly charged as costs of exclusive representation—

''(I) provides a mutually selected impartial
decisionmaker to hear and decide such challenge pursuant to rules of discovery and evidence and subject to de novo review by the National Labor Relations Board or an applicable
court; and

20 "(II) places in escrow amounts reasonably
21 in dispute pending the outcome of the chal22 lenge.

"(E) (i) A labor organization that does not satisfy the
requirements of subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D) shall finance any expenditures specified in subparagraphs (A),

1 (B), or (C) of paragraph (2) only with funds legally col-2 lected under this Act for its separate segregated fund.

3 "(ii) For purposes of this paragraph, subparagraph
4 (A) of paragraph (2) shall apply only with respect to com5 munications expressly advocating the election or defeat of
6 any clearly identified candidate for elective public office.".
7 SEC. 114. RESTRICTIONS ON SOFT MONEY ACTIVITIES OF
8 TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS.

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 501 of the Internal Reve-10 nue Code of 1986 (relating to exemption from tax) is 11 amended by redesignating subsection (n) as subsection (o) 12 and by inserting after subsection (m) the following new 13 subsection:

"(n) DENIAL OF TAX-EXEMPT STATUS FOR ACTIVITIES TO INFLUENCE A FEDERAL ELECTION.—An organization shall not be treated as exempt from tax under subsection (a) if such organization participates or intervenes
in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to
any candidate for Federal office.".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
subsection (a) shall apply to any participation or intervention by an organization on or after September 1, 1992.

1	SEC. 115. DENIAL OF TAX-EXEMPT STATUS FOR CERTAIN
2	POLITICALLY ACTIVE ORGANIZATIONS.
3	(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 501 of the Internal Reve-
4	nue Code of 1986 (relating to exemption from tax), as
5	amended by section 114, is amended by redesignating sub-
6	section (o) as subsection (p) and by inserting after sub-
7	section (n) the following new subsection:
8	"(0) DENIAL OF TAX-EXEMPT STATUS FOR CERTAIN
9	Politically Active Organizations.—
10	"(1) IN GENERAL.—An organization shall not
11	be treated as exempt from tax under subsection (a)
12	if—
13	"(A) such organization devotes any of its
14	operating budget to—
15	''(i) voter registration or get-out-the-
16	vote campaigns; or
17	''(ii) participation or intervention in
18	any political campaign on behalf of or in
19	opposition to any candidate for public of-
20	fice; and
21	"(B) a candidate, or an authorized com-
22	mittee of a candidate, has—
23	''(i) solicited contributions to, or on
24	behalf of, such organization; and
25	''(ii) the solicitation is made in co-
26	operation, consultation, or concert with, or

1	at the request or suggestion of, such orga-
2	nization.
3	"(2) Candidate defined.—For purposes of
4	this subsection—
5	''(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'candidate'
6	has the meaning given such term by paragraph
7	(2) of section 301 of the Federal Election Cam-
8	paign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431(2)).
9	"(B) Members of congress.—The term
10	'candidate' shall include any Senator or Rep-
11	resentative in, or Delegate or Resident Commis-
12	sioner to, the Congress unless—
13	''(i) the date for filing for nomination,
14	or election to, such office has passed and
15	such individual has not so filed, and
16	''(ii) such individual is not otherwise a
17	candidate described in subparagraph (A).".
18	(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
19	this section shall apply to taxable years ending after the
20	date of enactment of this Act, but only with respect to
21	solicitations or suggestions by candidates made after the
22	date of enactment of this Act.

1 SEC. 116. CONTRIBUTIONS TO CERTAIN POLITICAL ORGA-

NIZATIONS MAINTAINED BY A CANDIDATE.

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3 (a) Contributions by Persons in General and BY MULTICANDIDATE POLITICAL COMMITTEES.—(1) Sec-4 5 tion 315(a)(1)(A) of FECA (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(1)(A)) is amended by striking "candidate and his authorized politi-6 7 cal committees" and inserting "candidate, a candidate's 8 authorized political committees, and any political organi-9 zations (other than authorized committees) maintained by a candidate.". 10

(2) Section 315(a)(2)(A) of FECA (2 U.S.C.
441a(a)(2)(A)) is amended by striking "candidate and his
authorized political committees" and inserting "candidate,
a candidate's authorized political committees, and any political organizations (other than authorized committees)
maintained by a candidate,".

17 (3) Section 315(a) of FECA (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)), as
18 amended by section 101(c), is amended by inserting at the
19 end the following new paragraph:

"(10) For the purposes of paragraphs (1)(A) and
(2)(A), the term 'political organization maintained by a
candidate' means any non-Federal political action committee, non-Federal multicandidate political committee, or
any other form of political organization regulated under
State law which is not a political committee of a national,
State, or local political party—

"(A) that is set up by or on behalf of a can didate and engages in political activity which directly
 influences Federal elections; and

4 "(B) for which that candidate has solicited a 5 contribution.".

6 (b) CONTRIBUTIONS BY NATIONAL BANKS, COR-7 PORATIONS, AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.—(1) Section 8 316(b)(2) of the FECA (2 U.S.C. 441b(b)(2)) is amended 9 by striking "candidate, campaign committee" and insert-10 ing "candidate, political organization (other than an au-11 thorized committee) maintained by a candidate, campaign 12 committee,".

13 (2) Section 316(b) of FECA (2 U.S.C. 441b(b)), as
14 amended by section 113(b), is amended by inserting at
15 the end the following new paragraph:

16 ''(9) For the purposes of paragraph (2), the term 'po-17 litical organization maintained by a candidate' means any 18 non-Federal political action committee, non-Federal 19 multicandidate political committee, or any other form of 20 political organization regulated under State law which is 21 not a political committee of a national, State, or local 22 political party—

23 "(A) that is set up by or on behalf of a can24 didate and engages in political activity which directly
25 influences Federal elections; and

"(B) for which that candidate has solicited a 1 2 contribution.". 3 (c) DATE OF APPLICATION.—The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall apply to contributions de-4 scribed in sections 315 and 316 of FECA (2 U.S.C. 441a 5 and 441b) made in response to solicitations made after 6 January _____, 1993. 7 8 SEC. 117. CONTRIBUTIONS TO STATE AND LOCAL PARTY 9 COMMITTEES. Section 315(a)(1) of FECA (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(1)) is 10 11 amended— (1) by striking "or" at the end of subparagraph 12 (B); 13 14 (2) by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (C) and inserting "; or"; and 15 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-16 17 paragraph: 18 "(D) to the political committees established and 19 maintained by a State or local political party, in con-20 nection with any activity that may influence an election for Federal office, in any calendar year which, 21 22 in the aggregate, exceed the lesser of "(i) \$50,000; or 23 "(ii) the difference between \$50,000 and 24 25 the amount of contributions made by such per-

1	son to any political committees established and
2	maintained by a national political party.".
3	Subtitle C—Other Activities
4	SEC. 121. MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRIBUTION LIMITS ON
5	INDIVIDUALS.
6	(a) INCREASE IN CANDIDATE LIMIT.—Subparagraph
7	(A) of section $315(a)(1)$ of FECA (2 U.S.C.
8	441a(a)(1)(A)) is amended by striking "\$1,000" and in-
9	serting "the applicable amount".
10	(b) Applicable Amount Defined.—Section
11	315(a) of FECA (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)), as amended by sec-
12	tion 116(a)(3), is amended by adding at the end the fol-
13	lowing new paragraph:
14	"(11) For purposes of subsection (a)(1)(A)—
15	''(A) The term 'applicable amount'
16	means—
17	''(i) \$1,000 in the case of contribu-
18	tions by a person to—
19	"(I) a candidate for the office of
20	President or Vice President or such
21	candidate's authorized committees; or
22	"(II) any other candidate or such
23	candidate's authorized committees if,
24	at the time such contributions are

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1	State with respect to which such can-
2	didate seeks Federal office; and
3	''(ii) \$500 in the case of contributions
4	by any other person to a candidate de-
5	scribed in clause (i)(II) or such candidate's
6	authorized committees.
7	''(B) At the beginning of 1993, and each
8	odd-numbered calendar year thereafter, the
9	Secretary of Labor shall certify in the same
10	manner as under subsection $(c)(1)$ the percent
11	difference between the price index for the pre-
12	ceding calendar year and the price index for
13	calendar year 1991. Each of the dollar limits
14	under subparagraph (A) shall be increased by
15	such percent difference and rounded to the
16	nearest \$100. Each amount so increased shall
17	be the amount in effect for the calendar year
18	for which determined and the succeeding cal-
19	endar year.".
20	SEC. 122. POLITICAL PARTIES.
21	Items Not Treated as Contributions or Ex-
22	PENDITURES.—(1) Section 301(8)(B) of FECA (2 U.S.C.
23	431(8)(B)) is amended—
24	(A) in clauses (x) and (xii), by inserting "na-
25	tional," after "the payment by a"; and

(B) in clause (xii), by inserting "general re-1 2 search activities," after "the costs of". 3 (2)Section 301(9)(B) of FECA (2)U.S.C. 431(9)(B)) is amended— 4 (A) in clauses (viii) and (ix), by inserting "na-5 tional," after "the payment by a"; and 6 7 (B) in clause (ix), by inserting "general research activities," after "the costs of". 8 9 SEC. 123. CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH INTERMEDIARIES 10 AND CONDUITS. 11 Section 315(a)(8) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(8)) is amended to read 12 as follows: 13 14 "(8) For purposes of this subsection— "(A) Contributions made by a person, ei-15 ther directly or indirectly, to or on behalf of a 16 17 particular candidate, including contributions 18 which are in any way earmarked or otherwise 19 directed through an intermediary or conduit to 20 such candidate, shall be treated as contributions 21 from such person to such candidate. 22 "(B) If a contribution is made by a person 23 either directly or indirectly to or on behalf of a 24 particular candidate through an intermediary or 25 conduit, the intermediary or conduit shall re-

port the original source and the intended recipient of such contribution to the Commission and to the intended recipient.

4 "(C) No conduit or intermediary shall de5 liver or arrange to have delivered contributions
6 from more than 2 persons who are employees of
7 the same employer or who are members of the
8 same trade association, membership organiza9 tion, or labor organization.

10 "(D) No person required to register with 11 the Clerk of the House of Representatives or 12 the Secretary of the Senate under section 308 13 of the Federal Regulation of Lobbying Act (2) 14 U.S.C. 267), or an officer, employee or agent of 15 such a person, may act as an intermediary or 16 conduit with respect to a contribution to a can-17 didate for Federal office.".

18 SEC. 124. INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES.

19 (a) ATTRIBUTION OF COMMUNICATIONS; RE-20 PORTS.—(1) Section 318 of FECA (2 U.S.C. 441d) is 21 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-22 section:

23 "(c)(1) If any person makes an independent expendi-24 ture through a broadcast communication on any television

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or radio station, the broadcast communication shall in clude a statement—

3 "(A) in such television broadcast, that is clearly
4 readable to the viewer and appears continuously dur5 ing the entire length of such communication; or

6 ''(B) in such radio broadcast, that is clearly au7 dible to the viewer and is aired at the beginning and
8 ending of such broadcast,

9 setting forth the name of such person and, in the case10 of a political committee, the name of any connected or af-11 filiated organization.

12 "(2) If any person makes an independent expenditure 13 through a newspaper, magazine, outdoor advertising facil-14 ity, direct mailing, or other type of general public political 15 advertising, the communication shall include, in addition 16 to the other information required by this section—

17 ''(A) the following sentence: 'The cost of pre18 senting this communication is not subject to any
19 campaign contribution limits.'; and

"(B) a statement setting forth the name of the
person who paid for the communication and, in the
case of a political committee, the name of any connected or affiliated organization, and the name of
the president or treasurer of such organization.

"(3) Any person making an independent expenditure
described in paragraph (1) or (2) shall furnish, by certified
mail, return receipt requested, the following information,
to each candidate and to the Commission, not later than
the date and time of the first public transmission of the
communication:

7 "(A) Effective notice that the person plans to
8 make an independent expenditure for the purpose of
9 financing a communication which expressly
10 advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identi11 fied candidate.

12 "(B) An exact copy of the intended communica-13 tion, or a complete description of the contents of the 14 intended communication, including the entirety of 15 any texts to be used in conjunction with such com-16 munication, and a complete description of any pho-17 tographs, films, or any other visual devices to be 18 used in conjunction with such communication.

19 ''(C) All dates and times when such commu-20 nication will be publicly transmitted.''.

(2) Section 318(a) of FECA (2 U.S.C. 441d(a)) is
amended by striking "Whenever" and inserting "Except
as provided in subsection (c), whenever".

(b) DEFINITION OF INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE.—
 Paragraph (17) of section 301 of FECA (2 U.S.C.
 3 431(17)) is amended—

4 (1) by striking "(17) The term" and inserting
5 "(17)(A) The term"; and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-7 paragraph:

"(B) For the purpose of subparagraph (A), an ex-8 9 penditure shall be considered to be made in cooperation, consultation, or concert with, or at the request or sugges-10 tion of, a candidate, authorized committee, or agent, if 11 there is any arrangement, coordination, or direction by the 12 candidate or the candidate's agent prior to the publication, 13 distribution, display, or broadcast of a communication, 14 15 and it shall be presumed to be so made when it is—

"(i) based on information about the candidate's
plans, projects, or needs provided to the person making the expenditure by the candidate, or by the candidate's agents, with a view toward having an expenditure made; or

21 ''(ii) made by or through any person who is, or22 has been—

23 "(I) authorized to raise or expend funds on
24 behalf of the candidate or the candidate's au25 thorized committees;

 "(II) serving as an officer of the candidate's authorized committees; or

3 "(III) providing professional services to, or
4 receiving any form of compensation or reim5 bursement from, the candidate, the candidate's
6 committee, or agent.".

7 (c) HEARINGS ON COMPLAINTS.—Section 309(a) of
8 FECA (2 U.S.C. 437g(a)) is amended by adding at the
9 end the following new paragraph:

"(13) Within 3 days after the Commission receives 10 a complaint filed pursuant to this section which alleges 11 that an independent expenditure was made with the co-12 operation or consultation of a candidate, or an authorized 13 committee or agent of such candidate, or was made in con-14 15 cert with or at the request or suggestion of an authorized committee or agent of such candidate, the Commission 16 shall provide for a hearing to determine such matter.". 17 18 (d) EXPEDITED JUDICIAL REVIEW.—Section 310 of the FECA (2 U.S.C. 437h) is amended by adding at the 19 end the following new sentence: "It shall be the duty of 20 the courts to advance on the docket and to expedite to 21 the greatest possible extent the disposition of any matter 22 relating to the making or alleged making of an independ-23

24 ent expenditure.".

TITLE II—INCREASE OF COMPETITION IN POLITICS

3 SEC. 201. SEED MONEY FOR CHALLENGERS.

Section 315 of FECA (2 U.S.C. 441a), as amended
by section 111, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(j) (1) Notwithstanding subsection (a) (2), the congressional campaign committee or the senatorial campaign
committee of a national political party, whichever is applicable, may make contributions to an eligible candidate
(and the candidate's authorized committees) which in the
aggregate do not exceed the lesser of—

13 "(A) \$100,000; or

14 "(B) the aggregate qualified matching contribu15 tions received by such candidate and the candidate's
16 authorized committees.

"(2) Any contribution under paragraph (1) shall not
be treated as an expenditure for purposes of subsection
(d)(3).

20 "(3) For purposes of this subsection, the term 'quali-21 fied matching contributions' means contributions made 22 during the period of the election cycle preceding the pri-23 mary election by an individual who, at the time such con-24 tributions are made, is a resident of the State in which the election with respect to which such contributions are
 made is to be held.

3 "(4) For purposes of this subsection, the term 'eligi4 ble candidate' means a candidate for Federal office (other
5 than President or Vice President) who does not hold
6 Federal office.".

7 SEC. 202. CANDIDATE EXPENDITURES FROM PERSONAL 8 FUNDS.

9 Section 315 of FECA (2 U.S.C. 441a), as amended 10 by section 201, is amended by adding at the end the 11 following new subsection:

12 "(k)(1)(A) Not less than 15 days after a candidate 13 qualifies for a primary election ballot under State law, the 14 candidate shall file with the Commission, and each other 15 candidate who has qualified for that ballot, a declaration 16 stating whether the candidate intends to expend for the 17 primary and general election an amount exceeding 18 \$250,000 from—

19 "(i) the candidate's personal funds;

20 "(ii) the funds of the candidate's immediate21 family; and

22 "(iii) personal loans incurred by the candidate
23 and the candidate's immediate family in connection
24 with the candidate's election campaign.

"(B) The declaration required by subparagraph (A)
 shall be in such form and contain such information as the
 Commission may require by regulation.

4 "(2) Notwithstanding subsection (a), if a candidate—
5 "(A) declares under paragraph (1) that the
6 candidate intends to expend for the primary and
7 general election funds described in such paragraph
8 an amount exceeding \$250,000;

9 "(B) expends such funds in the primary and
10 general election an amount exceeding \$250,000; or
11 "(C) fails to file the declaration required by
12 paragraph (1),

the limitations on contributions under subsection (a), and
the limitations on expenditures under subsection (d), shall
be modified as provided under paragraph (3) with respect
to other candidates for the same office who are not described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C).

18 "(3) For purposes of paragraph (2)—

19 "(A) the limitation under subsection (a)(1)(A)20 shall be increased to \$5,000; and

"(B) if a candidate described in paragraph
(2) (B) expends more than \$1,000,000 of funds described in paragraph (1) in the primary and general
election—

1	''(i) the limitation under subsection
2	(a)(1)(A) shall not apply;
3	''(ii) the limitation under subsection $(a)(2)$
4	shall not apply to any political committee of a
5	political party; and
6	"(iii) the limitation under subsection $(d)(3)$
7	shall not apply.
8	The \$5,000 amount under subparagraph (A) shall
9	be adjusted each calendar year in the same manner
10	as amounts are adjusted under subsection
11	(a)(11)(B).
12	''(4) If—
13	''(A) the modifications under paragraph (3)
14	apply for a convention or a primary election by rea-
15	son of 1 or more candidates taking (or failing to
16	take) any action described in subparagraph (A), (B),
17	or (C) of paragraph (2); and
18	''(B) such candidates are not candidates in any
19	subsequent election in the same election campaign,
20	including the general election,
21	paragraph (3) shall cease to apply to the other candidates
22	in such campaign.
23	''(5) A candidate who—

"(A) declares, pursuant to paragraph (1), that
the candidate does not intend to expend funds described in paragraph (1) in excess of \$250,000; and
"(B) subsequently changes such declaration or
expends such funds in excess of that amount,

6 shall file an amended declaration with the Commission and
7 notify all other candidates for the same office within 24
8 hours after changing such declaration or exceeding such
9 limits, whichever first occurs, by sending a notice by cer10 tified mail, return receipt requested.

11 "(6) Contributions to a candidate or a candidate's 12 authorized committees may be used to repay any expendi-13 ture or personal loan incurred in connection with the can-14 didate's election to Federal office by a candidate or a 15 member of the candidate's immediate family only to the 16 extent that such repayment—

17 "(A) is limited to the amount of such expendi18 ture or the principal amount of such loan (and no
19 interest is paid); and

20 "(B) is not made from any such contributions
21 received after the date of the general election to
22 which such expenditure or loan relates.

23 "(7) For purposes of this subsection, the term 'imme-24 diate family' means—

25 "(A) a candidate's spouse;

"(B) any child, stepchild, parent, grandparent, 1 2 brother, half-brother, sister, or half-sister of the candidate or the candidate's spouse; and 3 4 "(C) the spouse of a person described in sub-5 paragraph (B). "(8) The Commission shall take such action as it 6 7 deems necessary under the enforcement provisions of this Act to ensure compliance with this subsection.". 8 9 **SEC. 203. FRANKED COMMUNICATIONS.** 10 (a) Amendment of Title 39, United States CODE.—(1) Section 3210(a)(6)(A) of title 39, United 11 States Code is amended— 12 (A) by striking clause (i) and inserting the 13 14 following new clause: "(i) if the mass mailing is mailed dur-15 ing the calendar year of any primary or 16 17 general election (whether regular or run-18 off) in which the Member is a candidate 19 for reelection; or"; and 20 (B) in clause (ii)(II), by striking "fewer than 60 days immediately before the date" and inserting 21 "during the year". 22 23 (2) Section 3210(a)(6)(C) of title 39, United States Code, is amended by striking "fewer than 60 days imme-24

diately before the date" and inserting "during the year".

(3) Section 3210(a)(6) of title 39, United States
 Code, is amended—

3 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (D), (E),
4 and (F) as subparagraphs (E), (F), and (G), respec5 tively; and

6 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the7 following new subparagraph:

"(D)(i)(I) When a Member of the Senate dissemi-8 9 nates information under the frank by a mass mailing, the Member shall register annually with the Secretary of the 10 Senate such mass mailings. Such registration shall be 11 made by filing with the Secretary of the Senate a copy 12 of the matter mailed and providing, on a form supplied 13 by the Secretary of the Senate, a description of the group 14 or groups of persons to whom the mass mailing was 15 mailed. 16

"(II) The Secretary of the Senate shall promptly
make available for public inspection and copying a copy
of the mail matter registered and a description of the
group or groups of persons to whom the mass mailing was
mailed.

"(ii) (I) When a Member of the House of Representatives disseminates information under the frank by a mass
mailing, the Member shall register annually with the Clerk
of the House of Representatives such mass mailings. Such

registration shall be made by filing with the Clerk of the
 House of Representatives a copy of the matter mailed and
 providing, on a form supplied by the Clerk of the House
 of Representatives, a description of the group or groups
 of persons to whom the mass mailing was mailed.

6 "(II) The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall 7 promptly make available for public inspection and copying 8 a copy of the mail matter registered and a description of 9 the group or groups of persons to whom the mass mailing 10 was mailed.".

(b) AMENDMENT OF STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE.—(1) Paragraph 1 of rule XL of the Standing Rules
of the Senate is amended by striking "less than sixty days
immediately before the date" and inserting "during the
year".

16 (2) This subsection is enacted—

17 (A) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of18 the Senate; and

(B) with full recognition of the constitutional
right of the Senate to change the rules at any time,
in the same manner and to the same extent as in
the case of any other rule of the Senate.

23 SEC. 204. LIMITATIONS ON GERRYMANDERING.

24 (a) REAPPORTIONMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES.—
25 Section 22 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the

fifteenth and subsequent decennial censuses and to pro vide for apportionment of Representatives in Congress,"
 approved June 18, 1929 (2 U.S.C. 2a), is amended—

4 (1) by striking subsection (c); and

5 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-6 sections:

7 "(c)(1) In each State entitled in the One Hundred 8 Third Congress or in any subsequent Congress to more 9 than one Representative under an apportionment made pursuant to the second paragraph of the Act entitled 'An 10 Act for the relief of Doctor Ricardo Vallejo Samala and 11 to provide for congressional redistricting', approved De-12 cember 14, 1967 (2 U.S.C. 2c), as in effect prior to the 13 date of enactment of this subsection, there shall be estab-14 15 lished in the manner provided by the law of the State a number of districts equal to the number of Representa-16 tives to which such State is so entitled, and Representa-17 tives shall be elected only by eligible voters from districts 18 19 established. no district to elect more than **SO** 1 Representative. 20

21 "(2) Such districts shall be established in accordance 22 with the provisions of this Act as soon as practicable after 23 the decennial census date established in section 141(a) of 24 title 13, United States Code, but in no case later than 25 such time as is reasonably sufficient for their use in the elections for the One Hundred Third Congress and in each
 fifth Congress thereafter.

"(d)(1) The number of persons in congressional districts within each State shall be as nearly equal as is practicable, as determined under the then most recent decennial census.

7 "(2) The enumeration established according to the
8 Federal decennial census pursuant to article I, section II,
9 United States Constitution, shall be the sole basis of popu10 lation for the establishment of congressional districts.

11 "(e) Congressional districts shall be comprised of con-12 tiguous territory, including adjoining insular territory.

"(f) Congressional districts shall not be established
with the intent or effect of diluting the voting strength
of any person, group of persons, or members of any political party.

"(g) Congressional districts shall be compact in form.
In establishing such districts, nearby population shall not
be bypassed in favor of more distant population.

20 "(h) Congressional district boundaries shall avoid the
21 unnecessary division of counties or their equivalent in any
22 State.

23 "(i) Congressional district boundaries shall be estab24 lished in such a manner so as to minimize the division
25 of cities, towns, villages, and other political subdivisions.

"(j)(1) It is the intent of the Congress that congres sional districts established pursuant to this section be sub ject to reasonable public scrutiny and comment prior to
 their establishment.

5 "(2) At the same time that Federal decennial census tabulations data, reports, maps, or other material or infor-6 7 mation produced or obtained using Federal funds and as-8 sociated with the congressional reapportionment and re-9 districting process are made available to any officer or public body in any State, those materials shall be made 10 available by the State at the cost of duplication to any 11 person from that State meeting the qualifications for vot-12 ing in an election of a Member of the House of Represent-13 atives. 14

15 "(k) Nothing in this section shall be construed to su16 persede any provision of the Voting Rights Act of 1965
17 (42 U.S.C. 1973 et seq.).

18 "(l)(1) A State may establish by law criteria for im-19 plementing the standards set forth in this section.

20 "(2) Nothing in this section shall be construed as lim-21 iting the power of a State to strengthen or add to the 22 standards set forth in this section, or to interpret those 23 standards in a manner consistent with the law of the 24 State, to the extent that any additional criteria or inter-25 pretations are not in conflict with this section. "(m)(1) The district courts of the United States shall
 have exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine any ac tion to enforce subsections (c) through (l).

4 "(2) A person who meets a State's qualifications for 5 voting in an election of a Member of the House of Rep-6 resentatives from the State may bring an action in the 7 district court for the district in which the person resides 8 to enforce subsections (c) through (l) with regard to the 9 State in which the person resides.

10 "(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this sec-11 tion, the district courts of the United States shall have 12 authority to issue all judgments, orders, and decrees nec-13 essary to ensure that any criteria established by State law 14 pursuant to this section are not in conflict with this 15 section.

"(4) With the exception of actions brought for the
relief described in paragraph (3), the district court for the
purposes of this section shall be a three-judge district
court pursuant to section 2284 of title 28, United States
Code.

21 "(5) On motion of any party in accordance with sec-22 tion 1657 of title 28, United States Code, it shall be the23 duty of the district court to assign the case for briefing24 and hearing at the earliest practicable date, and to cause25 the case to be in every way expedited. The district court

shall have authority to enter all judgments, orders and de crees necessary to bring a State into compliance with this
 Act.

4 "(6) An action to challenge the establishment of a 5 congressional district in a State after a Federal decennial 6 census may not be brought after the end of the 9-month 7 period beginning on the date on which the last such dis-8 trict is so established.

9 "(7) For the purposes of this section, an order dis-10 missing a complaint for failure to state a cause of action 11 shall be appealable in accordance with section 1253 of title 12 28, United States Code.

"(8) If a district court fails to establish a briefing 13 and hearing schedule that will permit resolution of the 14 case prior to the next general election, any party may seek 15 a writ of mandamus from the United States Court of Ap-16 peals for the circuit in which the district court sits. The 17 court of appeals shall have jurisdiction over the motion 18 for a writ of mandamus and shall establish an expedited 19 briefing and hearing schedule for resolution of the motion. 20 Such a motion shall not stay proceedings in the district 21 22 court.

23 "(9) If a district court determines that the congres24 sional districts established by a State's redistricting au25 thority pursuant to this Act are not in compliance with

this Act, the court shall remand the plan to the State's
 redistricting authority to establish new districts consistent
 with subsections (c) through (l). The district court shall
 retain jurisdiction over the case after remand.

5 "(10) If, after a remand under paragraph (9), the 6 district court determines that the congressional districts 7 established by a State's redistricting authority under the 8 remand order are not consistent with subsections (c) 9 through (l), the district court shall enter an order estab-10 lishing districts that are consistent with subsections (c) 11 through (l) for the next general congressional election.

"(11) If any question of State law arises in a case 12 under this section that would require abstention, the dis-13 trict court shall not abstain. However, in any State per-14 mitting certification of such questions, the district court 15 shall certify the question to the highest court of the State 16 whose law is in question. Such certification shall not stay 17 the proceedings in the district court or delay the court's 18 determination of the question of State law. 19

20 "(12) With the exception of actions brought for the 21 relief described in paragraph (3), an appeal from a deci-22 sion of the district court under this section shall be taken 23 in accordance with section 1253 of title 28, United States 24 Code. An appeal under this paragraph shall be noticed in 25 the district court and perfected by docketing in the Supreme Court within thirty days of the entry of judgment
 below. Appeals brought to the Supreme Court under this
 paragraph shall be heard as soon as practicable.

4 "(13) For purposes of this section, the term 'redis5 tricting authority' means the officer or public body having
6 initial responsibility for the congressional redistricting of
7 a State.".

8 (b) Conforming Amendments and Repealer.— 9 (1) The first sentence of section 1657 of title 28, United 10 States Code, is amended by striking "chapter 153 or" and inserting "chapter 153, any action under subsection (m) 11 through (l) of section 22 of the Act entitled 'An Act to 12 provide for the fifteenth and subsequent censuses and to 13 provide for apportionment of Representatives in Con-14 gress,' approved June 18, 1929 (2 U.S.C. 2a), or''. 15

16 (2) Section 141(c) of title 13, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: "In cir-17 cumstances in which this subsection requires that the Sec-18 retary provide criteria to, consult with, or report tabula-19 tions of population to (or if the Secretary for any reason 20 provides material or information to) the public bodies hav-21 ing responsibility for the legislative apportionment or dis-22 tricting of a State, the Secretary shall provide, without 23 24 cost, such criteria, consultations, tabulations, or other ma-25 terial or information simultaneously to the leadership of

each political party represented on such public bodies. For 1 purposes of this subsection, the term 'political party' 2 3 means any political party whose candidates for Represent-4 atives to Congress received, as the candidates of such 5 party, 5 percent or more of the total number of votes received statewide by all candidates for such office in any 6 7 of the 5 most recent general congressional elections. Such 8 materials may include those developed by the Census Bu-9 reau for redistricting purposes for the 1990 Census.".

(3) The second paragraph of the Act entitled "An Act
for the relief of Doctor Ricardo Vallejo Samala and to provide for congressional redistricting", approved December
14, 1967 (2 U.S.C. 2c), is repealed.

14 SEC. 205. ELECTION FRAUD, OTHER PUBLIC CORRUPTION,

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AND FRAUD IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE.

(a) ELECTION FRAUD AND OTHER PUBLIC CORRUPTION.—(1) Chapter 11 of title 18, United States Code,
is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

19 **"§225. Public corruption**

20 "(a) Whoever, in a circumstance described in sub-21 section (d), deprives or defrauds, or endeavors to deprive 22 or to defraud, by any scheme or artifice, the inhabitants 23 of a State or political subdivision of a State of the honest 24 services of an official or employee of such State, political 25 subdivision, or Indian tribal government shall be fined under this title, or imprisoned for not more than 10 years,
 or both.

3 "(b) Whoever, in a circumstance described in sub-4 section (d), deprives or defrauds, or endeavors to deprive 5 or to defraud, by any scheme or artifice, the inhabitants 6 of a State or political subdivision of a State of a fair and 7 impartially conducted election process in any primary, 8 runoff, special, or general election—

9 "(1) through the procurement, casting, or tab-10 ulation of ballots that are materially false, fictitious, 11 or fraudulent or that are invalid, under the laws of 12 the State in which the election is held;

13 "(2) through paying or offering to pay any per-14 son for voting;

15 "(3) through the procurement or submission of
16 voter registrations that contain false material infor17 mation, or omit material information; or

18 "(4) through the filing of any report required
19 to be filed under State law regarding an election
20 campaign that contains false material information or
21 omits material information,

shall be fined under this title or imprisoned for not morethan 10 years, or both.

24 "(c) Whoever, being a public official or an official or25 employee of a State, political subdivision of a State, or

Indian tribal government, in a circumstance described in 1 subsection (d), deprives or defrauds, or endeavors to de-2 prive or to defraud, by any scheme or artifice, the inhab-3 4 itants of a State or political subdivision of a State of the right to have the affairs of the State, political subdivision, 5 or Indian tribal government conducted on the basis of 6 7 complete, true, and accurate material information, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned for not more than 8 10 years, or both. 9

10 "(d) The circumstances referred to in subsections (a),11 (b), and (c) are that—

12 "(1) for the purpose of executing or concealing
13 such scheme or artifice or attempting to do so, the
14 person so doing—

"(A) places in any post office or authorized 15 depository for mail matter, any matter or thing 16 17 whatever to be sent or delivered by the Postal 18 Service, or takes or receives therefrom, any 19 such matter or thing, or knowingly causes to be 20 delivered by mail according to the direction thereon, or at the place at which it is directed 21 22 to be delivered by the person to whom it is addressed, any such matter or thing; 23

24 "(B) transmits or causes to be transmitted25 by means of wire, radio, or television commu-

1	nication in interstate or foreign commerce any
2	writings, signs, signals, pictures, or sounds;
3	"(C) transports or causes to be trans-
4	ported any person or thing, or induces any per-
5	son to travel in or to be transported in, inter-
6	state or foreign commerce; or
7	"(D) uses or causes to use of any facility
8	of interstate or foreign commerce;
9	"(2) the scheme or artifice affects or constitutes
10	an attempt to affect in any manner or degree, or
11	would if executed or concealed so affect, interstate
12	or foreign commerce; or
13	"(3) as applied to an offense under subsection
14	(b), an objective of the scheme or artifice is to se-
15	cure the election of an official who, if elected, would
16	have some authority over the administration of
17	funds derived from an Act of Congress totaling
18	\$10,000 or more during the twelve-month period im-
19	mediately preceding or following the election or date
20	of the offense.
21	"(e) Whoever deprives or defrauds, or endeavors to
22	deprive or to defraud, by any scheme or artifice, the inhab-

24 lic official or person who has been selected to be a public

23 itants of the United States of the honest services of a pub-

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official shall be fined under this title or imprisoned for
 not more than 10 years, or both.

3 "(f) Whoever, being an official, public official, or person who has been selected to be a public official, directly 4 5 or indirectly discharges, demotes, suspends, threatens, harasses, or in any manner discriminates against an em-6 7 ployee or official of the United States or any State or po-8 litical subdivision of a State, or endeavors to do so, in 9 order to carry out or to conceal any scheme or artifice described in this section, shall be fined under this title or 10 subject to imprisonment of up to 5 years or both. 11

(g)(1) An employee or official of the United States 12 or any State or political subdivision of such State who is 13 14 discharged, demoted, suspended, threatened, harassed, or in any other manner discriminated against because of law-15 ful acts done by the employee as a result of a violation 16 of subsection (e) or because of actions by the employee 17 or official on behalf of himself or others in furtherance 18 of a prosecution under this section (including investigation 19 for, initiation of, testimony for, or assistance in such a 20 prosecution) may bring a civil action and shall be entitled 21 to all relief necessary to make such employee or official 22 23 whole. Such relief shall include reinstatement with the 24 same seniority status that the employee or official would have had but for the discrimination, 3 times the amount 25

of back pay, interest on the back pay, and compensation
 for any special damages sustained as a result of the dis crimination, including reasonable litigation costs and rea sonable attorney's fees.

5 "(2) An individual shall not be entitled to relief under
6 paragraph (1) if the individual participated in the violation
7 of this section with respect to which relief is sought.

8 "(3) A civil action brought under paragraph (1) shall 9 be stayed by a court upon the certification of an attorney 10 for the Government, stating that the action may adversely 11 affect the interests of the Government in a current crimi-12 nal investigation or proceeding. The attorney for the Gov-13 ernment shall promptly notify the court when the stay may 14 be lifted without such adverse effects.

15 "(h) For purposes of this section—

"(1) the term 'State' means a State of the
United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto
Rico, and any other commonwealth, territory, or
possession of the United States;

20 ''(2) the terms 'public official' and 'person who
21 has been selected to be a public official' have the
22 meaning set forth in section 201 and shall also in23 clude any person acting or pretending to act under
24 color of official authority;

25 "(3) the term 'official' includes—

"(A) any person employed by, exercising 1 2 any authority derived from, or holding any posi-3 tion in an Indian tribal government or the gov-4 ernment of a State or any subdivision of the executive, legislative, judicial, or other branch of 5 government thereof, including a department, 6 7 independent establishment, commission, administration, authority, board, and bureau, and a 8 9 corporation or other legal entity established and subject to control by a government or govern-10 11 ments for the execution of a governmental or 12 intergovernmental program;

13 ''(B) any person acting or pretending to
14 act under color of official authority; and

15 "(C) includes any person who has been
16 nominated, appointed or selected to be an offi17 cial or who has been officially informed that he
18 or she will be so nominated, appointed or se19 lected;

20 ''(4) the term 'under color of official authority'
21 includes any person who represents that the person
22 controls, is an agent of, or otherwise acts on behalf
23 of an official, public official, and person who has
24 been selected to be a public official; and

"(5) the term 'uses any facility of interstate or
 foreign commerce' includes the intrastate use of any
 facility that may also be used in interstate or foreign
 commerce.".

5 (2)(A) The chapter analysis for chapter 11 of title
6 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
7 the following item:

"225. Public Corruption.".

8 (B) Section 1961(1) of title 18, United States Code, 9 is amended by inserting "section 225 (relating to public 10 corruption)," after "section 224 (relating to sports brib-11 ery),".

(C) Section 2516(1)(c) of title 18, United States
Code, is amended by inserting "section 225 (relating to
public corruption)," after "section 224 (bribery in sporting contests),".

(b) FRAUD IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE.—(1) Section
17 1343 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by striking "transmits or causes to be
transmitted by means of wire, radio, or television
communication in interstate or foreign commerce,
any writings, signs, signals, pictures, or sounds" and
inserting "uses or causes to be used any facility of
interstate or foreign commerce"; and

(B) by inserting "or attempting to do so" after 1 2 "for the purpose of executing such scheme or artifice". 3 4 (2)(A) The heading of section 1343 of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows: 5 "§1343. Fraud by use of facility of interstate com-6 7 merce". 8 (B) The chapter analysis for chapter 63 of title 18, 9 United States Code, is amended by striking the item for 10 section 1343 and inserting the following: "1343. Fraud by use of facility of interstate commerce.". TITLE III—REDUCTION OF 11 **CAMPAIGN COSTS** 12 13 SEC. 301. BROADCAST DISCOUNT. (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that— 14 15 (1) in the 45 days preceding a primary election, and in the 60 days preceding a general election, can-16 didates for political office need to be able to buy, at 17 18 the lowest unit charge, nonpreemptible advertising 19 spots from broadcast stations and cable television 20 stations to ensure that their messages reach the in-21 tended audience and that the voting public has an opportunity to make informed decisions; 22 23 (2) since the Communications Act of 1934 was 24 amended in 1972 to guarantee the lowest unit

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preelection periods, the method by which advertising
 spots are sold in the broadcast and cable industries
 has changed significantly;

4 (3) changes in the method for selling advertis5 ing spots have made the interpretation and enforce6 ment of the lowest unit charge provision difficult
7 and complex;

8 (4) clarification and simplification of the lowest 9 unit charge provision in the Communications Act of 10 1934 is necessary to ensure compliance with the 11 original intent of the provision; and

(5) in granting discounts and setting charges
for advertising time, broadcasters and cable operators should treat candidates for political office at
least as well as the most favored commercial advertisers.

17 (b) AMENDMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS ACT.—Sec18 tion 315 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C.
19 315) is amended—

20 (1) in subsection (b)(1) by striking "class and";
21 (2) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as
22 subsections (d) and (e), respectively; and

23 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the follow-24 ing new subsection:

"(c) A licensee shall not preempt the use, during any 1 period specified in subsection (b)(1), of a broadcasting sta-2 tion by a legally qualified candidate for public office who 3 has purchased such use pursuant to subsection (b)(1).". 4 TITLE IV—MISCELLANEOUS 5 PROVISIONS 6 Subtitle A—Federal Election Com-7 mission Enforcement Authority 8 9 SEC. 401. ELIMINATION OF REASON TO BELIEVE STAND-10 ARD. Section 309(a)(2) of FECA (2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(2)) is 11 amended-12 (1) by inserting "(A)" after "(2)"; and 13 14 (2) by striking the first sentence and inserting 15 the following: "Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (B), if the Commission, upon receiving a 16 17 complaint under paragraph (1) or on the basis of in-18 formation ascertained in the normal course of carry-19 ing out its supervisory responsibilities determines, by 20 an affirmative vote of 4 of its members, that an allegation of a violation or from pending violation of 21 22 this Act or chapter 95 or 96 of the Internal Revenue 23 Code of 1986 states a claim of violation that would be sufficient under the standard applicable to a mo-24 25 tion under rule 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Commission shall, through its
 chairman or vice chairman, notify the person of the
 alleged violation. Such vote shall occur within 90
 days after receipt of such complaint.".

5 SEC. 402. INJUNCTIVE AUTHORITY.

6 Section 309(a)(2) of FECA (2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(2)),
7 as amended by section 401, is amended by adding at the
8 end the following new subparagraph:

9 "(B) The Commission may petition the appropriate10 court for an injunction if—

"(i) the Commission believes that there is a
substantial likelihood that a violation of this Act or
of chapter 95 or 96 of the Internal Revenue Code
of 1986 is occurring or is about to occur;

15 "(ii) the failure to act expeditiously will result
16 in irreparable harm to a party affected by the poten17 tial violation;

18 "(iii) such expeditious action will not cause
19 undue harm or prejudice to the interests of others;
20 and

21 "(iv) the public interest would be best served by22 the issuance of an injunction.".

23 SEC. 403. TIME PERIODS.

24 Section 309(a)(4)(A) of FECA (2 U.S.C.
25 437g(a)(4)(A)) is amended—

1 (1) in clause (i)—

2 (A) by striking ", for a period of at least
3 30 days,"; and

4 (B) by striking "90 days" and inserting 5 "60 days"; and

6 (2) in clause (ii) by striking "at least" and in7 serting "no more than".

8 SEC. 404. KNOWING VIOLATION PENALTIES.

9 FECA (2U.S.C. Section 309(a)(5)(B)of 437g(a)(5)(B)) is amended by striking "may require that 10 the person involved in such conciliation agreement shall 11 pay a civil penalty which does not exceed the greater of 12 13 \$10,000 or an amount equal to 200 percent of any contribution or expenditure involved in such violation" and 14 inserting "shall require that the person involved in such 15 conciliation agreement shall pay a civil penalty which is 16 not less than the greater of \$5,000 or an amount equal 17 to any contribution or expenditure involved in such viola-18 tion, except that if the Commission believes that a know-19 ing and willful violation of this Act or of chapter 95 or 20 21 chapter 96 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 has been 22 committed during the 15-day period immediately preceding any election, a conciliation agreement entered into by 23 24 the Commission under paragraph (4)(A) shall require that 25 the person involved in such conciliation agreement shall

1	pay a civil penalty which is not less than the greater of
2	\$10,000 or an amount equal to 200 percent of any con-
3	tribution or expenditure involved in such violation".
4	SEC. 405. COURT RESOLVED VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.
5	Section 309(a)(6) of the Federal Election Campaign
6	Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(6)) is amended—
7	(1) in subparagraph (A)—
8	(A) by striking ''Commission may'' and in-
9	serting "Commission shall";
10	(B) by striking ''including'' and inserting
11	"which shall include"; and
12	(C) by striking "which does not exceed the
13	greater of \$5,000 or an amount equal to any"
14	and inserting ''which equals the greater of
15	\$10,000 or an amount equal to 200 percent of
16	any''; and
17	(2) in subparagraph (B)—
18	(A) by striking ''court may'' and inserting
19	"court shall"; and
20	(B) by striking ", including" and inserting
21	"which shall include"; and
22	(C) by striking "which does not exceed the
23	greater of \$5,000 or an amount equal to any"
24	and inserting ''which equals the greater of

\$10,000 or an amount equal to 200 percent of
 any".

3 SEC. 406. PRIVATE CIVIL ACTIONS.

4 Section 309(a)(6)(A) of FECA (2 U.S.C.
5 437g(a)(6)(A)), as amended by section 405, is amended—

6 (1) by inserting "(i)" after "(6)(A)"; and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following new8 clause:

"(ii) If, by a tie vote, the Commission does not vote 9 10 to institute a civil action pursuant to clause (i), the candidate involved in such election, or an individual author-11 ized to act on behalf of such candidate, may file an action 12 for appropriate relief in the district court for the district 13 in which the respondent is found, resides, or transacts 14 15 business. If the court determines that a violation has occurred, the court shall impose the appropriate civil pen-16 alty. Any such award of a civil penalty made under this 17 paragraph shall be made in favor of the United States. 18 In addition to any such civil penalty, the court shall award 19 20 to the prevailing party in any action under this paragraph, all attorneys' fees and actual costs reasonably incurred in 21 22 the investigation and pursuit of any such action, including those attorneys' fees and costs reasonably incurred in 23 24 bringing or defending the proceeding before the Commission.". 25

1 SEC. 407. KNOWING VIOLATIONS RESOLVED IN COURT.

2 Section 309(a)(6)(C)of FECA (2U.S.C. 3 437g(a)(6)(C) is amended by striking "may impose a civil penalty which does not exceed the greater of \$10,000 or 4 5 an amount equal to 200 percent of any contribution or expenditure involved in such violation' and inserting 6 7 "shall impose a civil penalty which is not less than the 8 greater of \$10,000 or an amount equal to 200 percent 9 of any contribution or expenditure involved in such violation, except that if such violation was committed during 10 the 15-day period immediately preceding the election, the 11 court shall impose a civil penalty which is not less than 12 the greater of \$15,000 or an amount equal to 300 percent 13 of any contribution or expenditure involved in such 14 violation". 15

16 SEC. 408. ACTION ON COMPLAINT BY COMMISSION.

17 Section 309(a)(8)(A) of FECA (2 U.S.C.
18 437g(a)(8)(A)) is amended—

19 (1) by striking "act on" and inserting "reason-20 ably pursue";

21 (2) by striking "120-day" and inserting "6022 day"; and

(3) by striking "United States District Court
for the District of Columbia" and inserting "appropriate court".

1 SEC. 409. VIOLATION OF CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENT. 2 FECA (2U.S.C. Section 309(a)(12)(B)of 3 437g(a)(12)(A) is amended— 4 (1)by striking *``\$2,000`*` and inserting "\$5,000"; and 5 striking ^{``\$5,000''} 6 (2)by and inserting 7 ^{(*}\$10,000^{''}.

8 SEC. 410. PENALTY IN ATTORNEY GENERAL ACTIONS.

9 Section 309(d)(1)(A) of FECA (2 U.S.C.
10 437g(d)(1)(A)) is amended by striking "exceed" and in11 serting "be less than".

12 SEC. 411. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT AND 13 JUDICIAL REVIEW.

(a) TIME LIMITATIONS FOR AND INDEX OF INVESTIGATIONS.—Section 309(a) of FECA (2 U.S.C. 437g(a)),
as amended by section 124, is amended by adding at the
end the following new paragraphs:

18 "(14) The Commission shall establish time limita-19 tions for investigations under this subsection.

20 "(15) The Commission shall publish an index of all
21 investigations under this section and shall update the
22 index quarterly.".

(b) PROCEDURE ON INITIAL DETERMINATION.—Section 309(a)(2) of FECA (2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(2)), as amended by section 402, is amended by adding at the end the
following: "Before a vote based on information ascertained

in the normal course of carrying out supervisory respon-1 sibilities, the person alleged to have committed the viola-2 tion shall be notified of the allegation and shall have the 3 opportunity to demonstrate, in writing, to the Commission 4 within 15 days after notification that no action should be 5 taken against such person on the basis of the information. 6 7 Prior to any determination, the Commission may request 8 voluntary responses to questions from any person who 9 may become the subject of an investigation. A determina-10 tion under this paragraph shall be accompanied by a written statement of the reasons for the determination.". 11

12 (c) PROCEDURE ON PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINA-TION.—(1) Section 309(a)(3) of FECA (2) U.S.C. 13 437g(a)(3) is amended by adding at the end the follow-14 ing: "The Commission shall make available to a respond-15 ent any documentary or other evidence relied on by the 16 general counsel in making a recommendation under this 17 subsection. Any brief or report by the general counsel that 18 replies to the respondent's brief shall be provided to the 19 respondent.". 20

(2) Section 309(a)(4)(A) of FECA (2 U.S.C.
437g(a)(4)(A)) is amended by adding at the end the following new clauses:

24 "(iii) A determination under clause (i) shall be made25 only after opportunity for a hearing upon request of the

respondent and shall be accompanied by a statement of
 the reasons for the determination.

3 "(iv) The Commission shall not require that any con-4 ciliation agreement under this paragraph contain an ad-5 mission by the respondent of a violation of this Act or 6 any other law.".

7 (d) ELIMINATION OF EN BANC HEARING REQUIRE8 MENT.—Section 310 of FECA (2 U.S.C. 437h), as
9 amended by section 124(d), is amended by striking ",
10 which shall hear the matter sitting en banc".

11 SEC. 412. TIGHTENING ENFORCEMENT.

12 (a) REPEAL OF PERIOD OF LIMITATION.—Section13 406 of FECA (2 U.S.C. 455) is repealed.

(b) SUPPLYING OF INFORMATION TO THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL.—Section 309(a)(12) of the Federal Election
Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(12)(A)) is
amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(C) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prohibit or prevent the Commission from making information
contained in compliance files available to the Attorney
General, at the Attorney General's request, in connection
with an investigation or trial.".

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1	Subtitle B—Other Provisions
2	SEC. 421. DISCLOSURE OF DEBT SETTLEMENT AND LOAN
3	SECURITY AGREEMENTS.
4	Section 304(b) of FECA (2 U.S.C. 434(b)), as
5	amended by section 112, is amended—
6	(1) by striking ''and'' at the end of paragraph
7	(8);
8	(2) by striking the period at the end of para-
9	graph (9) and by inserting a semicolon; and
10	(3) by adding at the end the following new
11	paragraphs:
12	''(10) for the reporting period, the terms of any
13	settlement agreement entered into with respect to a
14	loan or other debt, as evidenced by a copy of such
15	agreement filed as part of the report; and
16	((11) for the reporting period, the terms of any
17	security or collateral agreement entered into with re-
18	spect to a loan, as evidenced by a copy of such
19	agreement filed as part of the report.".
20	SEC. 422. CONTRIBUTIONS FOR DRAFT AND ENCOURAGE-
21	MENT PURPOSES WITH RESPECT TO ELEC-
22	TIONS FOR FEDERAL OFFICE.
23	(a) DEFINITION.—Section 301(8)(A) of FECA (2
24	U.S.C. 431(8)(A)) is amended by striking "or" after the
25	semicolon at the end of clause (i), by striking the period

at the end of clause (ii) and inserting "; and", and by
 adding at the end the following new clause:

"(iii) any gift, subscription, loan, advance, or
deposit of money or anything of value made by any
person for the purpose of drafting a clearly identified individual as a candidate for Federal office or
encouraging a clearly identified individual to become
a candidate for Federal office.".

9 (b) DRAFT AND ENCOURAGEMENT CONTRIBUTIONS 10 TO BE TREATED AS CANDIDATE CONTRIBUTIONS.—Sec-11 tion 315(a) of FECA (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)), as amended by 12 this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following 13 new paragraph:

"(12) For purposes of paragraph (1)(A) and paragraph (2)(A), any contribution described in section
301(8)(A)(iii) shall be treated, with respect to the individual involved, as a contribution to a candidate, whether or
not the individual becomes a candidate.".

19 SEC. 423. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Act or any amendment made by this Act, or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of any other such provision, and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

1 SEC. 424. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Except as otherwise provided in this Act, this Act and
the amendments made by this Act shall become effective
on November 9, 1994, and shall apply to all contributions
and expenditures made after that date.

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