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To provide the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate whether officials from the People's Republic of China tried to illegally influence the 1996 Presidential Election.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TRAFICANT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 "People's Republic of
5 China and U.S. Election Investigation Act of 2000".

1 **SEC. 2. INDEPENDENT COUNSEL FOR INVESTIGATION OF**
2 **CHINESE INFLUENCE ON 1996 PRESIDENTIAL**
3 **ELECTION.**

4 (a) APPOINTMENT.—Within 90 days of the date of
5 the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall ap-
6 point an independent counsel in the manner independent
7 counsels were appointed under chapter 40 of title 28,
8 United States Code, but without regard for the prelimi-
9 nary investigation requirement. Such an appointment shall
10 be made for a term of 2 years. During that period, an
11 independent counsel appointed under this subsection shall
12 have all the authority, jurisdiction, and responsibilities of
13 an independent counsel appointed under such chapter be-
14 fore its termination.

15 (b) AUTHORITY.—An independent counsel appointed
16 under subsection (a) shall undertake a comprehensive in-
17 vestigation of—

18 (1) the actions taken by officials from the Peo-
19 ple's Republic of China in connection with the 1996
20 Presidential Election to determine if such actions
21 were illegal; and

22 (2) the actions taken by high ranking officers
23 of the Federal government in connection with finan-
24 cial contributions made by officials from the People's
25 Republic of China in connection with the 1996 Pres-

1 idential Election to determine if such actions vio-
2 lated any Federal law.

3 (c) REPORT.—An independent counsel appointed
4 under subsection (a) shall make a report and terminate
5 the independent counsel’s investigation as if such chapter
6 40 applied.

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