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S. 3262

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to make inapplicable certain political broadcasting provisions to noncommercial educational broadcasting stations.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 30 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 2000

Mr. JEFFORDS, introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Public Broadcasting
5 Integrity Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. (a) INAPPLICABILITY OF POLITICAL BROAD-**
7 **CASTING PROVISIONS TO NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL**
8 **BROADCAST STATIONS.**—Section 312(a)(7) of the Com-
9 munications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 312(a)(7)) is amend-

1 ed by inserting “, other than a noncommercial educational
2 broadcast station,” after “use of a broadcasting station”.

3 (b) CURRENT REGULATIONS.—Consistent with the
4 requirements of subsection (c), the Federal Communica-
5 tions Commission shall amend section 73.1944 of its rules
6 to provide that such section does not apply to noncommer-
7 cial educational broadcast stations.

8 (c) RULEMAKING.—

9 (1) LIMITATION.—After the date of the enact-
10 ment of this Act, the Commission shall not establish,
11 expand, or otherwise modify requirements relating to
12 the service obligations of noncommercial educational
13 radio or television stations except by means of agen-
14 cy rulemaking conducted in accordance with chapter
15 5 of title 5, United States Code, and other applica-
16 ble law (including the amendments made by sub-
17 sections (a) and (b)).

18 (2) DEADLINE.—The Commission shall pre-
19 scribe such revisions to its regulations as may be
20 necessary to comply with the amendments made by
21 subsections (a) and (b) not later than 270 days after
22 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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