

108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 851

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to prohibit any committee from sending more than 999 copies of any mass mailing to addresses within the same Congressional district, from sending any mass mailing to an address within a Congressional district if the mailing is postmarked fewer than 90 days immediately before the date of a House election in the district, and from sending any mass mailing as franked mail which does not meet the standards applicable to franked mail sent by elected officers of the House.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 8, 2004

Mr. SHERMAN (for himself and Mrs. MALONEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

1 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITING HOUSE COMMITTEES FROM**
2 **SENDING MORE THAN 999 COPIES OF A MASS**
3 **MAILING WITHIN SAME CONGRESSIONAL DIS-**
4 **TRICT OR SENDING MAILINGS WITHIN A DIS-**
5 **TRICT FEWER THAN 90 DAYS PRIOR TO**
6 **HOUSE ELECTIONS.**

7 Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives
8 is amended by adding at the end the following new clause:

9 “12. (a) A committee may not send more than 999
10 copies of any mass mailing to addresses within the same
11 Congressional district, unless authorized to do so by reso-
12 lution of the House with respect to the specific mailing.

13 “(b) A committee may not send any mass mailing to
14 an address within a Congressional district if the mailing
15 is postmarked fewer than 90 days immediately before the
16 date of any election held in the district for the office of
17 Member of the House of Representatives (including the
18 office of Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Con-
19 gress).

20 “(c) A committee may not send any mass mailing as
21 franked mail which does not conform to the rules, reg-
22 ulations, and standards prescribed by the House Commis-
23 sion on Congressional Mailing Standards for franked mail
24 sent by elected officers of the House.

1 “(d) For purposes of this clause, the term ‘mass mail-
2 ing’ has the meaning given such term in section
3 3210(a)(6)(E) of title 39, United States Code.”.

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