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H. R. 5839

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit the establishment of leadership political action committees, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HEFLEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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 “Leadership PAC Pro-
5 hibition Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING LEADERSHIP PACS.**

7 (a) PROHIBITION.—Section 302(e) of the Federal
8 Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 432(e)) is
9 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
10 graph:

1 “(6)(A) A candidate for Federal office or an indi-
2 vidual holding Federal office may not directly or indirectly
3 establish, finance, maintain, or control any Federal or
4 non-Federal political committee other than a principal
5 campaign committee of the candidate, an authorized com-
6 mittee, a committee of a political party, or other political
7 committee designated in accordance with paragraph (3).
8 A candidate for more than one Federal office may des-
9 ignate a separate principal campaign committee for each
10 Federal office.

11 “(B) Nothing in subparagraph (A) may be construed
12 to prohibit an individual holding Federal office who is a
13 candidate for State or local office from establishing, fi-
14 nancing, maintaining, or controlling a political committee
15 for the election of the individual to such State or local
16 office.”.

17 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 302(e)(3)
18 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 432(e)(3)) is amended to read as
19 follows:

20 “(3) No political committee that supports or has sup-
21 ported more than one candidate may be designated as an
22 authorized committee, except that—

23 “(A) a candidate for the office of President
24 nominated by a political party may designate the na-
25 tional committee of such political party as the can-

1 didate’s principal campaign committee, but only if
2 that national committee maintains separate books of
3 account with respect to its functions as a principal
4 campaign committee; and

5 “(B) a candidate may designate a political com-
6 mittee established solely for the purpose of joint
7 fundraising by such candidates as an authorized
8 committee.”.

9 **SEC. 3. TRANSITION FOR EXISTING COMMITTEES.**

10 (a) CONTINUATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS.—Notwith-
11 standing section 302(e)(6) of the Federal Election Cam-
12 paign Act of 1971 (as added by section 2(a)), a political
13 committee which is established as of the date of the enact-
14 ment of this Act but which is prohibited under such sec-
15 tion may continue to make contributions during the 1-year
16 period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

17 (b) DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS.—Upon the expira-
18 tion of the 1-year period which begins on the date of the
19 enactment of this Act, a political committee described in
20 subsection (a) shall disburse its remaining funds by any
21 of the following means:

22 (1) Making contributions to an organization de-
23 scribed in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
24 Code of 1986 and exempt from taxation under sec-
25 tion 501(a) of such Code, so long as the organiza-

1 tion is not established, maintained, financed, or con-
2 trolled directly or indirectly by any candidate for
3 Federal office or any individual holding Federal of-
4 fice.

5 (2) Making a contribution to the treasury of the
6 United States.

7 (3) Making contributions to the national, State,
8 or local committees of a political party.

9 (4) Making contributions not to exceed \$1,000
10 to candidates for elective office.

11 (c) REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS TO FEDERAL
12 ELECTION COMMISSION.—

13 (1) REPORT.—Not later than 48 hours after
14 making any disbursements required under subsection
15 (b), a political committee shall file a report with the
16 Federal Election Commission describing each such
17 disbursement and including the identification of the
18 recipient of the disbursement.

19 (2) ELECTRONIC FORM REQUIRED.—For pur-
20 poses of section 304(a)(11) of the Federal Election
21 Campaign Act of 1971 (relating to the filing of re-
22 ports in electronic form), the report required under
23 paragraph (1) shall be considered to be a report re-
24 quired by such Act to be filed with the Commission.

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