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# S. 2212

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 28, 2015

Mr. KING introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

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## 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 “Real Time Trans-  
5 parency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. 48-HOUR NOTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR ALL POLIT-**  
2 **ICAL COMMITTEES RECEIVING CUMULATIVE**  
3 **CONTRIBUTIONS OF \$1,000 OR MORE DURING**  
4 **A YEAR FROM ANY CONTRIBUTOR.**

5 (a) NOTIFICATION.—Section 304(a)(6)(A) of the  
6 Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C.  
7 434(a)(6)(A)) is amended to read as follows:

8 “(A)(i) If a political committee receives an aggregate  
9 amount of contributions equal to or greater than \$1,000  
10 from any contributor during a calendar year, the com-  
11 mittee shall submit a notification to the Commission con-  
12 taining the name of the committee (and, in the case of  
13 an authorized committee of a candidate, the name of the  
14 candidate and the office sought by the candidate), the  
15 identification of the contributor, and the date of receipt  
16 and amount of the contributions involved.

17 “(ii) If, at any time after a political committee is re-  
18 quired to submit a notification under this subparagraph  
19 with respect to a contributor during a calendar year, the  
20 political committee receives additional contributions from  
21 that contributor during that year, the committee shall sub-  
22 mit an additional notification under clause (i) with respect  
23 to such contributor each time the aggregate amount of the  
24 additional contributions received from the contributor dur-  
25 ing the year equals or exceeds \$1,000 (excluding the  
26 amount of any contribution for which information is re-

1 quired to be included in a previous notification under this  
2 subparagraph).

3 “(iii) The political committee shall submit the notifi-  
4 cation required under this subparagraph with respect to  
5 a contributor—

6 “(I) in the case of a notification described in  
7 clause (i), not later than 48 hours after the date on  
8 which the aggregate amount of contributions re-  
9 ceived from the contributor during the calendar year  
10 first equals or exceeds \$1,000; or

11 “(II) in the case of an additional notification  
12 described in clause (ii), not later than 48 hours after  
13 the date on which the aggregate amount of contribu-  
14 tions received from the contributor during the cal-  
15 endar year for which information was not already in-  
16 cluded in a notification under this subparagraph  
17 first equals or exceeds \$1,000.

18 “(iv) For purposes of this subparagraph, any amount  
19 transferred by a joint fundraising committee which is es-  
20 tablished by an authorized committee of a candidate to  
21 any other authorized committee of that candidate shall be  
22 treated as a contribution by the joint fundraising com-  
23 mittee to such authorized committee.”.

24 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
25 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to contributions re-

1 ceived by a political committee under the Federal Election  
2 Campaign Act of 1971 during 2015 or any succeeding  
3 year, except that nothing in such amendment may be con-  
4 strued to require a political committee which does not re-  
5 ceive contributions during the portion of 2015 which oc-  
6 curs after the date of the enactment of this Act to meet  
7 the requirements of section 304(a)(6)(A) of the Federal  
8 Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended by subsection  
9 (a).

10 **SEC. 3. FILING BY SENATE CANDIDATES WITH FEDERAL**  
11 **ELECTION COMMISSION.**

12 (a) **MANDATORY FILING WITH FEC.**—Section  
13 302(g) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2  
14 U.S.C. 432(g)) is amended to read as follows:

15 “(g) **FILING WITH THE COMMISSION.**—All designa-  
16 tions, statements, and reports required to be filed under  
17 this Act shall be filed with the Commission.”.

18 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
19 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to materials filed  
20 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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