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To reform the financing of Senate elections, and for other purposes.

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Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. COONS, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. SMITH, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Ms. WARREN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To reform the financing of Senate elections, and for other purposes.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Fair Elections Now Act of 2019”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—SMALL DOLLAR FINANCING OF SENATE ELECTION
CAMPAIGNS

- Sec. 101. Eligibility requirements and benefits of Fair Elections financing of Senate election campaigns.
- Sec. 102. Prohibition on joint fundraising committees.
- Sec. 103. Exception to limitation on coordinated expenditures by political party committees with participating candidates.

TITLE II—IMPROVING VOTER INFORMATION

- Sec. 201. Broadcasts relating to all Senate candidates.
- Sec. 202. Broadcast rates for participating candidates.
- Sec. 203. FCC to prescribe standardized form for reporting candidate campaign ads.

TITLE III—RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FEDERAL ELECTION
COMMISSION

- Sec. 301. Petition for certiorari.
- Sec. 302. Electronic filing of FEC reports.

TITLE IV—REVENUE PROVISIONS

- Sec. 401. Fair Elections Fund revenue.

TITLE V—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- Sec. 501. Severability.
- Sec. 502. Effective date.

1 **TITLE I—SMALL DOLLAR FI-**
 2 **NANCING OF SENATE ELEC-**
 3 **TION CAMPAIGNS**

4 **SEC. 101. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND BENEFITS OF**
 5 **FAIR ELECTIONS FINANCING OF SENATE**
 6 **ELECTION CAMPAIGNS.**

7 The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52
 8 U.S.C. 30101 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
 9 the following:

1 **“TITLE V—FAIR ELECTIONS FI-**
 2 **NANCING OF SENATE ELEC-**
 3 **TION CAMPAIGNS**

4 **“Subtitle A—General Provisions**

5 **“SEC. 501. DEFINITIONS.**

6 “In this title:

7 “(1) ALLOCATION FROM THE FUND.—The term
 8 ‘allocation from the Fund’ means an allocation of
 9 money from the Fair Elections Fund to a partici-
 10 pating candidate pursuant to section 522.

11 “(2) COMMISSION.—The term ‘Commission’
 12 means the Federal Election Commission.

13 “(3) ENHANCED MATCHING CONTRIBUTION.—
 14 The term ‘enhanced matching contribution’ means
 15 an enhanced matching payment provided to a par-
 16 ticipating candidate for qualified small dollar con-
 17 tributions, as provided under section 524.

18 “(4) ENHANCED SUPPORT QUALIFYING PE-
 19 RIOD.—The term ‘enhanced support qualifying pe-
 20 riod’ means, with respect to a general election, the
 21 period which begins 60 days before the date of the
 22 election and ends 14 days before the date of the
 23 election.

24 “(5) FAIR ELECTIONS QUALIFYING PERIOD.—
 25 The term ‘Fair Elections qualifying period’ means,

1 with respect to any candidate for Senator, the pe-
 2 riod—

3 “(A) beginning on the date on which the
 4 candidate files a statement of intent under sec-
 5 tion 511(a)(1); and

6 “(B) ending on the date that is 30 days
 7 before—

8 “(i) the date of the primary election;
 9 or

10 “(ii) in the case of a State that does
 11 not hold a primary election, the date pre-
 12 scribed by State law as the last day to
 13 qualify for a position on the general elec-
 14 tion ballot.

15 “(6) FAIR ELECTIONS START DATE.—The term
 16 ‘Fair Elections start date’ means, with respect to
 17 any candidate, the date that is 180 days before—

18 “(A) the date of the primary election; or

19 “(B) in the case of a State that does not
 20 hold a primary election, the date prescribed by
 21 State law as the last day to qualify for a posi-
 22 tion on the general election ballot.

23 “(7) FUND.—The term ‘Fund’ means the Fair
 24 Elections Fund established by section 502.

1 “(8) IMMEDIATE FAMILY.—The term ‘imme-
2 diate family’ means, with respect to any candidate—

3 “(A) the candidate’s spouse;

4 “(B) a child, stepchild, parent, grand-
5 parent, brother, half-brother, sister, or half-sis-
6 ter of the candidate or the candidate’s spouse;
7 and

8 “(C) the spouse of any person described in
9 subparagraph (B).

10 “(9) MATCHING CONTRIBUTION.—The term
11 ‘matching contribution’ means a matching payment
12 provided to a participating candidate for qualified
13 small dollar contributions, as provided under section
14 523.

15 “(10) NONPARTICIPATING CANDIDATE.—The
16 term ‘nonparticipating candidate’ means a candidate
17 for Senator who is not a participating candidate.

18 “(11) PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE.—The term
19 ‘participating candidate’ means a candidate for Sen-
20 ator who is certified under section 514 as being eli-
21 gible to receive an allocation from the Fund.

22 “(12) QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION.—The term
23 ‘qualifying contribution’ means, with respect to a
24 candidate, a contribution that—

25 “(A) is in an amount that is—

1 “(i) not less than the greater of \$5 or
2 the amount determined by the Commission
3 under section 531; and

4 “(ii) not more than the greater of
5 \$200 or the amount determined by the
6 Commission under section 531;

7 “(B) is made by an individual—

8 “(i) who is a resident of the State in
9 which such candidate is seeking election;
10 and

11 “(ii) who is not otherwise prohibited
12 from making a contribution under this Act;

13 “(C) is made during the Fair Elections
14 qualifying period; and

15 “(D) meets the requirements of section
16 512(b).

17 “(13) QUALIFIED SMALL DOLLAR CONTRIBU-
18 TION.—The term ‘qualified small dollar contribution’
19 means, with respect to a candidate, any contribution
20 (or series of contributions)—

21 “(A) which is not a qualifying contribution
22 (or does not include a qualifying contribution);

23 “(B) which is made by an individual who
24 is not prohibited from making a contribution
25 under this Act; and

1 “(C) the aggregate amount of which does
2 not exceed the greater of—

3 “(i) \$200 per election; or

4 “(ii) the amount per election deter-
5 mined by the Commission under section
6 531.

7 “(14) QUALIFYING MULTICANDIDATE POLIT-
8 ICAL COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTION.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualifying
10 multicandidate political committee contribution’
11 means any contribution to a candidate that is
12 made from a qualified account of a multi-
13 candidate political committee (within the mean-
14 ing of section 315(a)(2)).

15 “(B) QUALIFIED ACCOUNT.—For purposes
16 of subparagraph (A), the term ‘qualified ac-
17 count’ means, with respect to a multicandidate
18 political committee, a separate, segregated ac-
19 count of the committee that consists solely of
20 contributions which meet the following require-
21 ments:

22 “(i) All contributions to such account
23 are made by individuals who are not pro-
24 hibited from making contributions under
25 this Act.

1 “(ii) The aggregate amount of con-
2 tributions from each individual to such ac-
3 count and all other accounts of the polit-
4 ical committee do not exceed the amount
5 described in paragraph (13)(C).

6 **“SEC. 502. FAIR ELECTIONS FUND.**

7 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
8 Treasury a fund to be known as the ‘Fair Elections Fund’.

9 “(b) AMOUNTS HELD BY FUND.—The Fund shall
10 consist of the following amounts:

11 “(1) APPROPRIATED AMOUNTS.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Amounts appropriated
13 to the Fund.

14 “(B) SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING
15 APPROPRIATIONS.—It is the sense of the Senate
16 that—

17 “(i) there should be imposed on any
18 payment made to any person (other than a
19 State or local government or a foreign na-
20 tion) who has a contract with the Govern-
21 ment of the United States in excess of
22 \$10,000,000 a tax equal to 0.50 percent of
23 amount paid pursuant to each contract, ex-
24 cept that the aggregate tax on each con-

1 tract for any taxable year shall not exceed
2 \$500,000; and

3 “(ii) the revenue from such tax should
4 be appropriated to the Fund.

5 “(2) VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS.—Voluntary
6 contributions to the Fund.

7 “(3) OTHER DEPOSITS.—Amounts deposited
8 into the Fund under—

9 “(A) section 513(c) (relating to exceptions
10 to contribution requirements);

11 “(B) section 521(c) (relating to remittance
12 of allocations from the Fund);

13 “(C) section 532 (relating to violations);
14 and

15 “(D) any other section of this Act.

16 “(4) INVESTMENT RETURNS.—Interest on, and
17 the proceeds from, the sale or redemption of, any
18 obligations held by the Fund under subsection (c).

19 “(c) INVESTMENT.—The Commission shall invest
20 portions of the Fund in obligations of the United States
21 in the same manner as provided under section 9602(b)
22 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

23 “(d) USE OF FUND.—

1 and the treasurer of the candidate's principal cam-
2 paign committee declaring that the candidate—

3 “(A) has complied and, if certified, will
4 comply with the contribution and expenditure
5 requirements of section 513;

6 “(B) if certified, will not run as a non-
7 participating candidate during such year in any
8 election for the office that such candidate is
9 seeking; and

10 “(C) has either qualified or will take steps
11 to qualify under State law to be on the ballot.

12 “(b) GENERAL ELECTION.—Notwithstanding sub-
13 section (a), a candidate shall not be eligible to receive an
14 allocation from the Fund for a general election or a gen-
15 eral runoff election unless the candidate's party nominated
16 the candidate to be placed on the ballot for the general
17 election or the candidate otherwise qualified to be on the
18 ballot under State law.

19 **“SEC. 512. QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT.**

20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A candidate for Senator meets
21 the requirement of this section if, during the Fair Elec-
22 tions qualifying period, the candidate obtains—

23 “(1) a number of qualifying contributions equal
24 to the greater of—

25 “(A) the sum of—

1 “(i) 2,000; plus

2 “(ii) 500 for each congressional dis-
3 trict in the State with respect to which the
4 candidate is seeking election; or

5 “(B) the amount determined by the Com-
6 mission under section 531; and

7 “(2) a total dollar amount of qualifying con-
8 tributions equal to the greater of—

9 “(A) 10 percent of the amount of the allo-
10 cation such candidate would be entitled to re-
11 ceive for the primary election under section
12 522(c)(1) (determined without regard to para-
13 graph (5) thereof) if such candidate were a par-
14 ticipating candidate; or

15 “(B) the amount determined by the Com-
16 mission under section 531.

17 “(b) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO RECEIPT OF
18 QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION.—Each qualifying contribu-
19 tion—

20 “(1) may be made by means of a personal
21 check, money order, debit card, credit card, or elec-
22 tronic payment account;

23 “(2) shall be accompanied by a signed state-
24 ment containing—

1 “(A) the contributor’s name and the con-
2 tributor’s address in the State in which the con-
3 tributor is registered to vote; and

4 “(B) an oath declaring that the contrib-
5 utor—

6 “(i) understands that the purpose of
7 the qualifying contribution is to show sup-
8 port for the candidate so that the can-
9 didate may qualify for Fair Elections fi-
10 nancing;

11 “(ii) is making the contribution in his
12 or her own name and from his or her own
13 funds;

14 “(iii) has made the contribution will-
15 ingly; and

16 “(iv) has not received anything of
17 value in return for the contribution; and

18 “(3) shall be acknowledged by a receipt that is
19 sent to the contributor with a copy kept by the can-
20 didate for the Commission and a copy kept by the
21 candidate for the election authorities in the State
22 with respect to which the candidate is seeking elec-
23 tion.

24 “(c) VERIFICATION OF QUALIFYING CONTRIBU-
25 TIONS.—The Commission shall establish procedures for

1 the auditing and verification of qualifying contributions to
2 ensure that such contributions meet the requirements of
3 this section.

4 **“SEC. 513. CONTRIBUTION AND EXPENDITURE REQUIRE-**
5 **MENTS.**

6 “(a) GENERAL RULE.—A candidate for Senator
7 meets the requirements of this section if, during the elec-
8 tion cycle of the candidate, the candidate—

9 “(1) except as provided in subsection (b), ac-
10 cepts no contributions other than—

11 “(A) qualifying contributions;

12 “(B) qualified small dollar contributions;

13 “(C) qualifying multicandidate political
14 committee contributions;

15 “(D) allocations from the Fund under sec-
16 tion 522;

17 “(E) matching contributions under section
18 523;

19 “(F) enhanced matching contributions
20 under section 524; and

21 “(G) vouchers provided to the candidate
22 under section 525;

23 “(2) makes no expenditures from any amounts
24 other than from—

25 “(A) qualifying contributions;

1 “(B) qualified small dollar contributions;

2 “(C) qualifying multicandidate political
3 committee contributions;

4 “(D) allocations from the Fund under sec-
5 tion 522;

6 “(E) matching contributions under section
7 523;

8 “(F) enhanced matching contributions
9 under section 524; and

10 “(G) vouchers provided to the candidate
11 under section 525; and

12 “(3) makes no expenditures from personal
13 funds or the funds of any immediate family member
14 (other than funds received through qualified small
15 dollar contributions and qualifying contributions).

16 For purposes of this subsection, a payment made by a po-
17 litical party in coordination with a participating candidate
18 shall not be treated as a contribution to or as an expendi-
19 ture made by the participating candidate.

20 “(b) CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LEADERSHIP PACs,
21 ETC.—A political committee of a participating candidate
22 which is not an authorized committee of such candidate
23 may accept contributions other than contributions de-
24 scribed in subsection (a)(1) from any person if—

1 “(1) the aggregate contributions from such per-
2 son for any calendar year do not exceed \$200; and

3 “(2) no portion of such contributions is dis-
4 bursed in connection with the campaign of the par-
5 ticipating candidate.

6 “(c) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), a
7 candidate shall not be treated as having failed to meet
8 the requirements of this section if any contributions that
9 are not qualified small dollar contributions, qualifying con-
10 tributions, qualifying multicandidate political committee
11 contributions, or contributions that meet the requirements
12 of subsection (b) and that are accepted before the date
13 the candidate files a statement of intent under section
14 511(a)(1) are—

15 “(1) returned to the contributor; or

16 “(2) submitted to the Commission for deposit in
17 the Fund.

18 **“SEC. 514. CERTIFICATION.**

19 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 5 days after a
20 candidate for Senator files an affidavit under section
21 511(a)(3), the Commission shall—

22 “(1) certify whether or not the candidate is a
23 participating candidate; and

24 “(2) notify the candidate of the Commission’s
25 determination.

1 “(b) REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATION.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may re-
3 voke a certification under subsection (a) if—

4 “(A) a candidate fails to qualify to appear
5 on the ballot at any time after the date of cer-
6 tification; or

7 “(B) a candidate otherwise fails to comply
8 with the requirements of this title, including
9 any regulatory requirements prescribed by the
10 Commission.

11 “(2) REPAYMENT OF BENEFITS.—If certifi-
12 cation is revoked under paragraph (1), the candidate
13 shall repay to the Fund an amount equal to the
14 value of benefits received under this title plus inter-
15 est (at a rate determined by the Commission) on any
16 such amount received.

17 “Subtitle C—Benefits

18 “SEC. 521. BENEFITS FOR PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES.

19 “(a) IN GENERAL.—For each election with respect
20 to which a candidate is certified as a participating can-
21 didate under section 514, such candidate shall be entitled
22 to—

23 “(1) an allocation from the Fund to make or
24 obligate to make expenditures with respect to such
25 election, as provided in section 522;

1 “(2) matching contributions, as provided in sec-
2 tion 523;

3 “(3) enhanced matching contributions, as pro-
4 vided in section 524; and

5 “(4) for the general election, vouchers for
6 broadcasts of political advertisements, as provided in
7 section 525.

8 “(b) RESTRICTION ON USES OF ALLOCATIONS FROM
9 THE FUND.—Allocations from the Fund received by a par-
10 ticipating candidate under section 522, matching contribu-
11 tions under section 523, and enhanced matching contribu-
12 tions under section 524 may only be used for campaign-
13 related costs.

14 “(c) REMITTING ALLOCATIONS FROM THE FUND.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the date
16 that is 45 days after an election in which the partici-
17 pating candidate appeared on the ballot, such par-
18 ticipating candidate shall remit to the Commission
19 for deposit in the Fund an amount equal to the less-
20 er of—

21 “(A) the amount of money in the can-
22 didate’s campaign account; or

23 “(B) the sum of the allocations from the
24 Fund received by the candidate under section
25 522, the matching contributions received by the

1 candidate under section 523, and the enhanced
2 matching contributions under section 524.

3 “(2) EXCEPTION.—In the case of a candidate
4 who qualifies to be on the ballot for a primary run-
5 off election, a general election, or a general runoff
6 election, the amounts described in paragraph (1)
7 may be retained by the candidate and used in such
8 subsequent election.

9 **“SEC. 522. ALLOCATIONS FROM THE FUND.**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall make allo-
11 cations from the Fund under section 521(a)(1) to a par-
12 ticipating candidate—

13 “(1) in the case of amounts provided under
14 subsection (c)(1), not later than 48 hours after the
15 date on which such candidate is certified as a par-
16 ticipating candidate under section 514;

17 “(2) in the case of a general election, not later
18 than 48 hours after—

19 “(A) the date of the certification of the re-
20 sults of the primary election or the primary
21 runoff election; or

22 “(B) in any case in which there is no pri-
23 mary election, the date the candidate qualifies
24 to be placed on the ballot; and

1 “(3) in the case of a primary runoff election or
2 a general runoff election, not later than 48 hours
3 after the certification of the results of the primary
4 election or the general election, as the case may be.

5 “(b) METHOD OF PAYMENT.—The Commission shall
6 distribute funds available to participating candidates
7 under this section through the use of an electronic funds
8 exchange or a debit card.

9 “(c) AMOUNTS.—

10 “(1) PRIMARY ELECTION ALLOCATION; INITIAL
11 ALLOCATION.—Except as provided in paragraph (5),
12 the Commission shall make an allocation from the
13 Fund for a primary election to a participating can-
14 didate in an amount equal to 67 percent of the base
15 amount with respect to such participating candidate.

16 “(2) PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION ALLOCA-
17 TION.—The Commission shall make an allocation
18 from the Fund for a primary runoff election to a
19 participating candidate in an amount equal to 25
20 percent of the amount the participating candidate
21 was eligible to receive under this section for the pri-
22 mary election.

23 “(3) GENERAL ELECTION ALLOCATION.—Ex-
24 cept as provided in paragraph (5), the Commission
25 shall make an allocation from the Fund for a gen-

1 eral election to a participating candidate in an
2 amount equal to the base amount with respect to
3 such candidate.

4 “(4) GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION ALLOCA-
5 TION.—The Commission shall make an allocation
6 from the Fund for a general runoff election to a par-
7 ticipating candidate in an amount equal to 25 per-
8 cent of the base amount with respect to such can-
9 didate.

10 “(5) UNCONTESTED ELECTIONS.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a pri-
12 mary or general election that is an uncontested
13 election, the Commission shall make an alloca-
14 tion from the Fund to a participating candidate
15 for such election in an amount equal to 25 per-
16 cent of the allocation which such candidate
17 would be entitled to under this section for such
18 election if this paragraph did not apply.

19 “(B) UNCONTESTED ELECTION DE-
20 FINED.—For purposes of this subparagraph, an
21 election is uncontested if not more than 1 can-
22 didate has campaign funds (including payments
23 from the Fund) in an amount equal to or great-
24 er than 10 percent of the allocation a partici-
25 pating candidate would be entitled to receive

1 under this section for such election if this para-
2 graph did not apply.

3 “(d) BASE AMOUNT.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise pro-
5 vided in this subsection, the base amount for any
6 candidate is an amount equal to the greater of—

7 “(A) the sum of—

8 “(i) \$750,000; plus

9 “(ii) \$150,000 for each congressional
10 district in the State with respect to which
11 the candidate is seeking election; or

12 “(B) the amount determined by the Com-
13 mission under section 531.

14 “(2) INDEXING.—In each even-numbered year
15 after 2025—

16 “(A) each dollar amount under paragraph
17 (1)(A) shall be increased by the percent dif-
18 ference between the price index (as defined in
19 section 315(c)(2)(A)) for the 12 months pre-
20 ceeding the beginning of such calendar year and
21 the price index for calendar year 2022;

22 “(B) each dollar amount so increased shall
23 remain in effect for the 2-year period beginning
24 on the first day following the date of the last
25 general election in the year preceding the year

1 in which the amount is increased and ending on
2 the date of the next general election; and

3 “(C) if any amount after adjustment under
4 subparagraph (A) is not a multiple of \$100,
5 such amount shall be rounded to the nearest
6 multiple of \$100.

7 **“SEC. 523. MATCHING PAYMENTS FOR QUALIFIED SMALL**
8 **DOLLAR CONTRIBUTIONS.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall pay to
10 each participating candidate an amount equal to 600 per-
11 cent of the amount of qualified small dollar contributions
12 received by the candidate from individuals who are resi-
13 dents of the State in which such participating candidate
14 is seeking election after the date on which such candidate
15 is certified under section 514.

16 “(b) LIMITATION.—The aggregate payments under
17 subsection (a) with respect to any candidate shall not ex-
18 ceed the greater of—

19 “(1) 400 percent of the allocation such can-
20 didate is entitled to receive for such election under
21 section 522 (determined without regard to sub-
22 section (c)(5) thereof); or

23 “(2) the percentage of such allocation deter-
24 mined by the Commission under section 531.

1 “(c) TIME OF PAYMENT.—The Commission shall
2 make payments under this section not later than 2 busi-
3 ness days after the receipt of a report made under sub-
4 section (d).

5 “(d) REPORTS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each participating can-
7 didate shall file reports of receipts of qualified small
8 dollar contributions at such times and in such man-
9 ner as the Commission may by regulations prescribe.

10 “(2) CONTENTS OF REPORTS.—Each report
11 under this subsection shall disclose—

12 “(A) the amount of each qualified small
13 dollar contribution received by the candidate;

14 “(B) the amount of each qualified small
15 dollar contribution received by the candidate
16 from a resident of the State in which the can-
17 didate is seeking election; and

18 “(C) the name, address, and occupation of
19 each individual who made a qualified small dol-
20 lar contribution to the candidate.

21 “(3) FREQUENCY OF REPORTS.—Reports under
22 this subsection shall be made no more frequently
23 than—

24 “(A) once every month until the date that
25 is 90 days before the date of the election;

1 “(B) once every week after the period de-
2 scribed in subparagraph (A) and until the date
3 that is 21 days before the election; and

4 “(C) once every day after the period de-
5 scribed in subparagraph (B).

6 “(4) LIMITATION ON REGULATIONS.—The
7 Commission may not prescribe any regulations with
8 respect to reporting under this subsection with re-
9 spect to any election after the date that is 180 days
10 before the date of such election.

11 “(e) APPEALS.—The Commission shall provide a
12 written explanation with respect to any denial of any pay-
13 ment under this section and shall provide the opportunity
14 for review and reconsideration within 5 business days of
15 such denial.

16 **“SEC. 524. ENHANCED MATCHING SUPPORT.**

17 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the payments
18 made under section 523, the Commission shall make an
19 additional payment to an eligible candidate under this sec-
20 tion.

21 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—A candidate is eligible to receive
22 an additional payment under this section if the candidate
23 meets each of the following requirements:

24 “(1) The candidate is on the ballot for the gen-
25 eral election for the office the candidate seeks.

1 “(2) The candidate is certified as a partici-
2 pating candidate under this title with respect to the
3 election.

4 “(3) During the enhanced support qualifying
5 period, the candidate receives qualified small dollar
6 contributions in a total amount of not less than the
7 sum of \$15,000 for each congressional district in the
8 State with respect to which the candidate is seeking
9 election.

10 “(4) During the enhanced support qualifying
11 period, the candidate submits to the Commission a
12 request for the payment which includes—

13 “(A) a statement of the number and
14 amount of qualified small dollar contributions
15 received by the candidate during the enhanced
16 support qualifying period;

17 “(B) a statement of the amount of the
18 payment the candidate anticipates receiving
19 with respect to the request; and

20 “(C) such other information and assur-
21 ances as the Commission may require.

22 “(5) After submitting a request for the addi-
23 tional payment under paragraph (4), the candidate
24 does not submit any other application for an addi-
25 tional payment under this title.

1 “(c) AMOUNT.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
3 the amount of the additional payment made to an el-
4 igible candidate under this subtitle shall be an
5 amount equal to 50 percent of—

6 “(A) the amount of the payment made to
7 the candidate under section 523 with respect to
8 the qualified small dollar contributions which
9 are received by the candidate during the en-
10 hanced support qualifying period (as included in
11 the request submitted by the candidate under
12 (b)(4)(A)); or

13 “(B) in the case of a candidate who is not
14 eligible to receive a payment under section 523
15 with respect to such qualified small dollar con-
16 tributions because the candidate has reached
17 the limit on the aggregate amount of payments
18 under section 523, the amount of the payment
19 which would have been made to the candidate
20 under section 523 with respect to such qualified
21 small dollar contributions if the candidate had
22 not reached such limit.

23 “(2) LIMIT.—The amount of the additional
24 payment determined under paragraph (1) with re-
25 spect to a candidate may not exceed the sum of

1 \$150,000 for each congressional district in the State
2 with respect to which the candidate is seeking elec-
3 tion.

4 “(3) NO EFFECT ON AGGREGATE LIMIT.—The
5 amount of the additional payment made to a can-
6 didate under this section shall not be included in de-
7 termining the aggregate amount of payments made
8 to a participating candidate with respect to an elec-
9 tion cycle under section 523.

10 **“SEC. 525. POLITICAL ADVERTISING VOUCHERS.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall establish
12 and administer a voucher program for the purchase of
13 airtime on broadcasting stations for political advertise-
14 ments in accordance with the provisions of this section.

15 “(b) CANDIDATES.—The Commission shall only dis-
16 burse vouchers under the program established under sub-
17 section (a) to participants certified pursuant to section
18 514 who have agreed in writing to keep and furnish to
19 the Commission such records, books, and other informa-
20 tion as it may require.

21 “(c) AMOUNTS.—The Commission shall disburse
22 vouchers to each candidate certified under subsection (b)
23 in an aggregate amount equal to the greater of—

1 “(1) \$100,000 multiplied by the number of con-
2 gressional districts in the State with respect to
3 which such candidate is running for office; or

4 “(2) the amount determined by the Commission
5 under section 531.

6 “(d) USE.—

7 “(1) EXCLUSIVE USE.—Vouchers disbursed by
8 the Commission under this section may be used only
9 for the purchase of broadcast airtime for political
10 advertisements relating to a general election for the
11 office of Senate by the participating candidate to
12 which the vouchers were disbursed, except that—

13 “(A) a candidate may exchange vouchers
14 with a political party under paragraph (2); and

15 “(B) a political party may use vouchers
16 only to purchase broadcast airtime for political
17 advertisements for generic party advertising (as
18 defined by the Commission in regulations), to
19 support candidates for State or local office in a
20 general election, or to support participating
21 candidates of the party in a general election for
22 Federal office, but only if it discloses the value
23 of the voucher used as an expenditure under
24 section 315(d).

1 “(2) EXCHANGE WITH POLITICAL PARTY COM-
2 MITTEE.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A participating can-
4 didate who receives a voucher under this section
5 may transfer the right to use all or a portion
6 of the value of the voucher to a committee of
7 the political party of which the individual is a
8 candidate (or, in the case of a participating
9 candidate who is not a member of any political
10 party, to a committee of the political party of
11 that candidate’s choice) in exchange for money
12 in an amount equal to the cash value of the
13 voucher or portion exchanged.

14 “(B) CONTINUATION OF CANDIDATE OBLI-
15 GATIONS.—The transfer of a voucher, in whole
16 or in part, to a political party committee under
17 this paragraph does not release the candidate
18 from any obligation under the agreement made
19 under subsection (b) or otherwise modify that
20 agreement or its application to that candidate.

21 “(C) PARTY COMMITTEE OBLIGATIONS.—
22 Any political party committee to which a vouch-
23 er or portion thereof is transferred under sub-
24 paragraph (A)—

1 “(i) shall account fully, in accordance
2 with such requirements as the Commission
3 may establish, for the receipt of the vouch-
4 er; and

5 “(ii) may not use the transferred
6 voucher or portion thereof for any purpose
7 other than a purpose described in para-
8 graph (1)(B).

9 “(D) VOUCHER AS A CONTRIBUTION
10 UNDER FECA.—If a candidate transfers a
11 voucher or any portion thereof to a political
12 party committee under subparagraph (A)—

13 “(i) the value of the voucher or por-
14 tion thereof transferred shall be treated as
15 a contribution from the candidate to the
16 committee, and from the committee to the
17 candidate, for purposes of sections 302
18 and 304;

19 “(ii) the committee may, in exchange,
20 provide to the candidate only funds subject
21 to the prohibitions, limitations, and report-
22 ing requirements of title III of this Act;
23 and

24 “(iii) the amount, if identified as a
25 ‘voucher exchange’, shall not be considered

1 a contribution for the purposes of sections
2 315 and 513.

3 “(e) VALUE; ACCEPTANCE; REDEMPTION.—

4 “(1) VOUCHER.—Each voucher disbursed by
5 the Commission under this section shall have a value
6 in dollars, redeemable upon presentation to the
7 Commission, together with such documentation and
8 other information as the Commission may require,
9 for the purchase of broadcast airtime for political
10 advertisements in accordance with this section.

11 “(2) ACCEPTANCE.—A broadcasting station
12 shall accept vouchers in payment for the purchase of
13 broadcast airtime for political advertisements in ac-
14 cordance with this section.

15 “(3) REDEMPTION.—The Commission shall re-
16 deem vouchers accepted by broadcasting stations
17 under paragraph (2) upon presentation, subject to
18 such documentation, verification, accounting, and
19 application requirements as the Commission may im-
20 pose to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the
21 voucher redemption system.

22 “(4) EXPIRATION.—

23 “(A) CANDIDATES.—A voucher may only
24 be used to pay for broadcast airtime for polit-
25 ical advertisements to be broadcast before mid-

1 night on the day before the date of the Federal
2 election in connection with which it was issued
3 and shall be null and void for any other use or
4 purpose.

5 “(B) EXCEPTION FOR POLITICAL PARTY
6 COMMITTEES.—A voucher held by a political
7 party committee may be used to pay for broad-
8 cast airtime for political advertisements to be
9 broadcast before midnight on December 31st of
10 the odd-numbered year following the year in
11 which the voucher was issued by the Commis-
12 sion.

13 “(5) VOUCHER AS EXPENDITURE UNDER
14 FECA.—The use of a voucher to purchase broadcast
15 airtime constitutes an expenditure as defined in sec-
16 tion 301(9)(A).

17 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 “(1) BROADCASTING STATION.—The term
19 ‘broadcasting station’ has the meaning given that
20 term by section 315(f)(1) of the Communications
21 Act of 1934.

22 “(2) POLITICAL PARTY.—The term ‘political
23 party’ means a major party or a minor party as de-
24 fined in section 9002 (3) or (4) of the Internal Rev-
25 enue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 9002 (3) or (4)).

1 **“Subtitle D—Administrative**
2 **Provisions**

3 **“SEC. 531. DUTIES OF THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMIS-**
4 **SION.**

5 “(a) DUTIES AND POWERS.—

6 “(1) ADMINISTRATION.—The Commission shall
7 have the power to administer the provisions of this
8 title and shall prescribe regulations to carry out the
9 purposes of this title, including regulations—

10 “(A) to establish procedures for—

11 “(i) verifying the amount of valid
12 qualifying contributions with respect to a
13 candidate;

14 “(ii) effectively and efficiently moni-
15 toring and enforcing the limits on the rais-
16 ing of qualified small dollar contributions;

17 “(iii) monitoring the raising of quali-
18 fying multicandidate political committee
19 contributions through effectively and effi-
20 ciently monitoring and enforcing the limits
21 on individual contributions to qualified ac-
22 counts of multicandidate political commit-
23 tees;

24 “(iv) effectively and efficiently moni-
25 toring and enforcing the limits on the use

1 of personal funds by participating can-
2 didates;

3 “(v) monitoring the use of allocations
4 from the Fund and matching contributions
5 under this title through audits or other
6 mechanisms; and

7 “(vi) the administration of the vouch-
8 er program under section 525; and

9 “(B) regarding the conduct of debates in a
10 manner consistent with the best practices of
11 States that provide public financing for elec-
12 tions.

13 “(2) REVIEW OF FAIR ELECTIONS FINANC-
14 ING.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—After each general
16 election for Federal office, the Commission shall
17 conduct a comprehensive review of the Fair
18 Elections financing program under this title, in-
19 cluding—

20 “(i) the maximum dollar amount of
21 qualified small dollar contributions under
22 section 501(13);

23 “(ii) the maximum and minimum dol-
24 lar amounts for qualifying contributions
25 under section 501(12);

1 “(iii) the number and value of quali-
2 fying contributions a candidate is required
3 to obtain under section 512 to qualify for
4 allocations from the Fund;

5 “(iv) the amount of allocations from
6 the Fund that candidates may receive
7 under section 522;

8 “(v) the maximum amount of match-
9 ing contributions a candidate may receive
10 under section 523;

11 “(vi) the maximum amount of en-
12 hanced matching contributions a candidate
13 may receive under section 524;

14 “(vii) the amount and usage of vouch-
15 ers under section 525;

16 “(viii) the overall satisfaction of par-
17 ticipating candidates and the American
18 public with the program; and

19 “(ix) such other matters relating to fi-
20 nancing of Senate campaigns as the Com-
21 mission determines are appropriate.

22 “(B) CRITERIA FOR REVIEW.—In con-
23 ducting the review under subparagraph (A), the
24 Commission shall consider the following:

1 “(i) QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS
2 AND QUALIFIED SMALL DOLLAR CON-
3 TRIBUTIONS.—The Commission shall con-
4 sider whether the number and dollar
5 amount of qualifying contributions re-
6 quired and maximum dollar amount for
7 such qualifying contributions and qualified
8 small dollar contributions strikes a balance
9 regarding the importance of voter involve-
10 ment, the need to assure adequate incen-
11 tives for participating, and fiscal responsi-
12 bility, taking into consideration the num-
13 ber of primary and general election partici-
14 pating candidates, the electoral perform-
15 ance of those candidates, program cost,
16 and any other information the Commission
17 determines is appropriate.

18 “(ii) REVIEW OF PROGRAM BENE-
19 FITS.—The Commission shall consider
20 whether the totality of the amount of
21 funds allowed to be raised by participating
22 candidates (including through qualifying
23 contributions and small dollar contribu-
24 tions), allocations from the Fund under
25 section 522, matching contributions under

1 section 523, enhanced matching contribu-
2 tions under section 524, and vouchers
3 under section 525 are sufficient for voters
4 in each State to learn about the candidates
5 to cast an informed vote, taking into ac-
6 count the historic amount of spending by
7 winning candidates, media costs, primary
8 election dates, and any other information
9 the Commission determines is appropriate.

10 “(C) ADJUSTMENT OF AMOUNTS.—

11 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Based on the re-
12 view conducted under subparagraph (A),
13 the Commission shall provide for the ad-
14 justments of the following amounts:

15 “(I) The maximum dollar
16 amount of qualified small dollar con-
17 tributions under section 501(13)(C).

18 “(II) The maximum and min-
19 imum dollar amounts for qualifying
20 contributions under section
21 501(12)(A).

22 “(III) The number and value of
23 qualifying contributions a candidate is
24 required to obtain under section
25 512(a)(1).

1 “(IV) The base amount for can-
2 didates under section 522(d).

3 “(V) The maximum amount of
4 matching contributions a candidate
5 may receive under section 523(b).

6 “(VI) The maximum amount of
7 enhanced matching contributions a
8 candidate may receive under section
9 524(c).

10 “(VII) The dollar amount for
11 vouchers under section 525(c).

12 “(ii) REGULATIONS.—The Commis-
13 sion shall promulgate regulations providing
14 for the adjustments made under clause (i).

15 “(D) REPORT.—Not later than March 30
16 following any general election for Federal office,
17 the Commission shall submit a report to Con-
18 gress on the review conducted under subpara-
19 graph (A). Such report shall contain a detailed
20 statement of the findings, conclusions, and rec-
21 ommendations of the Commission based on
22 such review.

23 “(b) REPORTS.—Not later than March 30, 2024, and
24 every 2 years thereafter, the Commission shall submit to
25 the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration a re-

1 port documenting, evaluating, and making recommenda-
2 tions relating to the administrative implementation and
3 enforcement of the provisions of this title.

4 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
5 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
6 essary to carry out the purposes of this subtitle.

7 **“SEC. 532. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.**

8 “(a) CIVIL PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF CONTRIBU-
9 TION AND EXPENDITURE REQUIREMENTS.—If a can-
10 didate who has been certified as a participating candidate
11 under section 514 accepts a contribution or makes an ex-
12 penditure that is prohibited under section 513, the Com-
13 mission shall assess a civil penalty against the candidate
14 in an amount that is not more than 3 times the amount
15 of the contribution or expenditure. Any amounts collected
16 under this subsection shall be deposited into the Fund.

17 “(b) REPAYMENT FOR IMPROPER USE OF FAIR
18 ELECTIONS FUND.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Commission deter-
20 mines that any benefit made available to a partici-
21 pating candidate under this title was not used as
22 provided for in this title or that a participating can-
23 didate has violated any of the dates for remission of
24 funds contained in this title, the Commission shall

1 so notify the candidate and the candidate shall pay
2 to the Fund an amount equal to—

3 “(A) the amount of benefits so used or not
4 remitted, as appropriate; and

5 “(B) interest on any such amounts (at a
6 rate determined by the Commission).

7 “(2) OTHER ACTION NOT PRECLUDED.—Any
8 action by the Commission in accordance with this
9 subsection shall not preclude enforcement pro-
10 ceedings by the Commission in accordance with sec-
11 tion 309(a), including a referral by the Commission
12 to the Attorney General in the case of an apparent
13 knowing and willful violation of this title.”.

14 **SEC. 102. PROHIBITION ON JOINT FUNDRAISING COMMIT-**
15 **TEES.**

16 Section 302(e) of the Federal Election Campaign Act
17 of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30102(e)) is amended by adding at
18 the end the following new paragraph:

19 “(6) No authorized committee of a participating
20 candidate (as defined in section 501) may establish
21 a joint fundraising committee with a political com-
22 mittee other than an authorized committee of a can-
23 didate.”.

1 **SEC. 103. EXCEPTION TO LIMITATION ON COORDINATED**
2 **EXPENDITURES BY POLITICAL PARTY COM-**
3 **MITTEES WITH PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES.**

4 Section 315(d) of the Federal Election Campaign Act
5 of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30116(d)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking “in the
7 case of” and inserting “except as provided in para-
8 graph (6), in the case of”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new
10 paragraph:

11 “(6)(A) The limitation under paragraph (3)(A)
12 shall not apply with respect to any expenditure from
13 a qualified political party-participating candidate co-
14 ordinated expenditure fund.

15 “(B) In this paragraph, the term ‘qualified po-
16 litical party-participating candidate coordinated ex-
17 penditure fund’ means a fund established by the na-
18 tional committee of a political party, or a State com-
19 mittee of a political party, including any subordinate
20 committee of a State committee, for purposes of
21 making expenditures in connection with the general
22 election campaign of a candidate for election to the
23 office of Senator who is a participating candidate (as
24 defined in section 501), that only accepts qualified
25 coordinated expenditure contributions.

1 “(C) In this paragraph, the term ‘qualified co-
 2 ordinated expenditure contribution’ means, with re-
 3 spect to the general election campaign of a candidate
 4 for election to the office of Senator who is a partici-
 5 pating candidate (as defined in section 501), any
 6 contribution (or series of contributions)—

7 “(i) which is made by an individual who is
 8 not prohibited from making a contribution
 9 under this Act; and

10 “(ii) the aggregate amount of which does
 11 not exceed \$500 per election.”.

12 **TITLE II—IMPROVING VOTER** 13 **INFORMATION**

14 **SEC. 201. BROADCASTS RELATING TO ALL SENATE CAN-** 15 **DIDATES.**

16 (a) **LOWEST UNIT CHARGE; NATIONAL COMMIT-**
 17 **TEES.**—Section 315(b)(1) of the Communications Act of
 18 1934 (47 U.S.C. 315(b)(1)) is amended—

19 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
 20 by striking “to such office” and inserting the fol-
 21 lowing: “to such office, or by a national committee
 22 of a political party on behalf of such candidate in
 23 connection with such campaign,”; and

24 (2) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “for
 25 preemptible use thereof” after “station”.

1 (b) PREEMPTION; AUDITS.—Section 315 of the Com-
2 munications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 315) is amended—

3 (1) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as
4 subsections (f) and (g), respectively and moving
5 them to follow the existing subsection (e);

6 (2) by redesignating the existing subsection (e)
7 as subsection (c); and

8 (3) by inserting after subsection (c) (as redesign-
9 dated by paragraph (2)) the following:

10 “(d) PREEMPTION.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
12 graph (2), and notwithstanding the requirements of
13 subsection (b)(1)(A), a licensee shall not preempt
14 the use of a broadcasting station by a legally quali-
15 fied candidate for Senate who has purchased and
16 paid for such use.

17 “(2) CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND CONTROL OF LI-
18 CENSEE.—If a program to be broadcast by a broad-
19 casting station is preempted because of cir-
20 cumstances beyond the control of the station, any
21 candidate or party advertising spot scheduled to be
22 broadcast during that program shall be treated in
23 the same fashion as a comparable commercial adver-
24 tising spot.

1 “(e) AUDITS.—During the 30-day period preceding
2 a primary or primary runoff election and the 60-day pe-
3 riod preceding a general or special election, the Commis-
4 sion shall conduct such audits as it deems necessary to
5 ensure that each licensee to which this section applies is
6 allocating television broadcast advertising time in accord-
7 ance with this section and section 312.”.

8 (c) REVOCATION OF LICENSE FOR FAILURE TO PER-
9 MIT ACCESS.—Section 312(a)(7) of the Communications
10 Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 312(a)(7)) is amended—

11 (1) by striking “or repeated”;

12 (2) by inserting “or cable system” after “broad-
13 casting station”; and

14 (3) by striking “his candidacy” and inserting
15 “the candidacy of the candidate, under the same
16 terms, conditions, and business practices as apply to
17 the most favored advertiser of the licensee”.

18 (d) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—
19 Section 315 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
20 U.S.C. 315) is amended—

21 (1) in subsection (f), as redesignated by sub-
22 section (b)(1)—

23 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
24 by striking “For purposes of this section—”

1 and inserting the following: “Definitions.—For
2 purposes of this section:”;

3 (B) in paragraph (1)—

4 (i) by striking “the term” and insert-
5 ing “BROADCASTING STATION.—The
6 term”; and

7 (ii) by striking “; and” and inserting
8 a period; and

9 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking “the
10 terms” and inserting “LICENSEE; STATION LI-
11 CENSEE.—The terms”; and

12 (2) in subsection (g), as redesignated by sub-
13 section (b)(1), by striking “The Commission” and
14 inserting “REGULATIONS.—The Commission”.

15 **SEC. 202. BROADCAST RATES FOR PARTICIPATING CAN-**
16 **DIDATES.**

17 Section 315(b) of the Communications Act of 1934
18 (47 U.S.C. 315(b)), as amended by section 201, is amend-
19 ed—

20 (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “paragraph
21 (2)” and inserting “paragraphs (2) and (3)”; and

22 (2) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(3) PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES.—In the case
24 of a participating candidate (as defined in section
25 501 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971),

1 the charges made for the use of any broadcasting
 2 station for a television broadcast shall not exceed 80
 3 percent of the lowest charge described in paragraph
 4 (1)(A) during—

5 “(A) the 45 days preceding the date of a
 6 primary or primary runoff election in which the
 7 candidate is opposed; and

8 “(B) the 60 days preceding the date of a
 9 general or special election in which the can-
 10 didate is opposed.

11 “(4) RATE CARDS.—A licensee shall provide to
 12 a candidate for Senate a rate card that discloses—

13 “(A) the rate charged under this sub-
 14 section; and

15 “(B) the method that the licensee uses to
 16 determine the rate charged under this sub-
 17 section.”.

18 **SEC. 203. FCC TO PRESCRIBE STANDARDIZED FORM FOR**
 19 **REPORTING CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN ADS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
 21 date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Communica-
 22 tions Commission shall initiate a rulemaking proceeding
 23 to establish a standardized form to be used by each broad-
 24 casting station, as defined in section 315(f) of the Com-
 25 munications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 315(f)) (as redesi-

1 nated by section 201(b)(1)), to record and report the pur-
2 chase of advertising time by or on behalf of a candidate
3 for nomination for election, or for election, to Federal elec-
4 tive office.

5 (b) CONTENTS.—The form prescribed by the Federal
6 Communications Commission under subsection (a) shall
7 require a broadcasting station to report to the Federal
8 Communications Commission and to the Federal Election
9 Commission, at a minimum—

10 (1) the station call letters and mailing address;

11 (2) the name and telephone number of the sta-
12 tion's sales manager (or individual with responsi-
13 bility for advertising sales);

14 (3) the name of the candidate who purchased
15 the advertising time, or on whose behalf the adver-
16 tising time was purchased, and the Federal elective
17 office for which he or she is a candidate;

18 (4) the name, mailing address, and telephone
19 number of the person responsible for purchasing
20 broadcast political advertising for the candidate;

21 (5) notation as to whether the purchase agree-
22 ment for which the information is being reported is
23 a draft or final version; and

24 (6) with respect to the advertisement—

25 (A) the date and time of the broadcast;

1 (B) the program in which the advertise-
2 ment was broadcast; and

3 (C) the length of the broadcast airtime.

4 (c) INTERNET ACCESS.—In its rulemaking under
5 subsection (a), the Federal Communications Commission
6 shall require any broadcasting station required to file a
7 report under this section that maintains an internet
8 website to make available a link to each such report on
9 that website.

10 **TITLE III—RESPONSIBILITIES**
11 **OF THE FEDERAL ELECTION**
12 **COMMISSION**

13 **SEC. 301. PETITION FOR CERTIORARI.**

14 Section 307(a)(6) of the Federal Election Campaign
15 Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30107(a)(6)) is amended by in-
16 serting “(including a proceeding before the Supreme
17 Court on certiorari)” after “appeal”.

18 **SEC. 302. ELECTRONIC FILING OF FEC REPORTS.**

19 Section 304(a)(11) of the Federal Election Campaign
20 Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30104(a)(11)) is amended—

21 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “under
22 this Act—” and all that follows and inserting
23 “under this Act shall be required to maintain and
24 file such designation, statement, or report in elec-
25 tronic form accessible by computers.”;

1 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “48
2 hours” and all that follows through “filed electroni-
3 cally)” and inserting “24 hours”; and

4 (3) by striking subparagraph (D).

5 **TITLE IV—REVENUE**
6 **PROVISIONS**

7 **SEC. 401. FAIR ELECTIONS FUND REVENUE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Internal Revenue Code of
9 1986 is amended by inserting after chapter 36 the fol-
10 lowing new chapter:

11 **“CHAPTER 37—TAX ON PAYMENTS PURSU-**
12 **ANT TO CERTAIN GOVERNMENT CON-**
13 **TRACTS**

“Sec. 4501. Imposition of tax.

14 **“SEC. 4501. IMPOSITION OF TAX.**

15 “(a) TAX IMPOSED.—There is hereby imposed on any
16 payment made to a qualified person pursuant to a contract
17 with the Government of the United States a tax equal to
18 0.50 percent of the amount paid.

19 “(b) LIMITATION.—The aggregate amount of tax im-
20 posed per contract under subsection (a) for any calendar
21 year shall not exceed \$500,000.

22 “(c) QUALIFIED PERSON.—For purposes of this sec-
23 tion, the term ‘qualified person’ means any person
24 which—

1 **TITLE V—MISCELLANEOUS**
2 **PROVISIONS**

3 **SEC. 501. SEVERABILITY.**

4 If any provision of this Act or amendment made by
5 this Act, or the application of a provision or amendment
6 to any person or circumstance, is held to be unconstitu-
7 tional, the remainder of this Act and amendments made
8 by this Act, and the application of the provisions and
9 amendment to any person or circumstance, shall not be
10 affected by the holding.

11 **SEC. 502. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

12 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as may otherwise be pro-
13 vided in this Act and in the amendments made by this
14 Act, this Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
15 apply with respect to elections occurring during 2026 or
16 any succeeding year, without regard to whether or not the
17 Federal Election Commission has promulgated the final
18 regulations necessary to carry out this Act and the amend-
19 ments made by this Act by the deadline set forth in sub-
20 section (b).

21 (b) **DEADLINE FOR REGULATIONS.**—Not later than
22 June 30, 2024, the Federal Election Commission shall
23 promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry
24 out this Act and the amendments made by this Act.

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