

SEC. __. MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING.

Section 304(a) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 434(a)) is amended by striking paragraph (11) and inserting the following:

“(11) ELECTRONIC FILING.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall promulgate a regulation under which a person required to file a designation, statement, or report under this Act, in addition to the current filing requirements—

“(i) is required to maintain and file each designation, statement, or report in electronic form accessible by computer if the person has, or expects to have, aggregate contributions or aggregate expenditures in excess of a threshold amount determined by the Commission; and

“(ii) may maintain and file a designation, statement, or report in electronic form accessible by computer if not required to do so under the regulation promulgated under clause (i).

“(B) VERIFICATION OF FILINGS.—

“(i) REGULATION.—The Commission shall promulgate a regulation to provide a method for verifying a designation, statement, report, or notification required to be filed under this paragraph (other than requiring a signature on the document being filed).

“(ii) TREATMENT OF VERIFICATION.—A document verified by the method promulgated under clause (i) shall be treated for all purposes in the same manner as a document verified by a signature.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2314

At the end of the bill, add the following:

SEC. __. CIVIL ACTION.

Section 309 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 437g) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) CIVIL ACTION.—

“(1) AUTHORITY TO BRING CIVIL ACTION.—If the Commission does not act to investigate or dismiss a complaint within 120 days after the complaint is filed, the person who filed the complaint may commence a civil action against the Commission in United States district court for injunctive relief.

“(2) ATTORNEY'S FEES.—The court may award the costs of the litigation (including reasonable attorney's fees) to a plaintiff who substantially prevails in the civil action.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2315

At the end of the bill, add the following:

SEC. __. AUDITS.

(a) RANDOM AUDITS.—Section 311(b) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 438(b)) is amended—

(1) by inserting “(1)” before “The Commission”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) RANDOM AUDITS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the Commission may conduct random audits and investigations to ensure voluntary compliance with this Act.

“(B) LIMITATION.—The Commission shall not conduct an audit or investigation of a candidate's authorized committee under paragraph (1) until the candidate is no longer a candidate for the office sought by the candidate in an election cycle.

“(C) APPLICABILITY.—This paragraph does not apply to an authorized committee of a candidate for President or Vice President subject to audit under section 9007 or 9038 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.”.

(b) EXTENSION OF PERIOD DURING WHICH CAMPAIGN AUDITS MAY BE BEGUN.—Section 311(b) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 438(b)) is amended by striking “6 months” and inserting “12 months”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2316

At the end of the bill, add the following:

SEC. __. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

(a) FILING DATE FOR REPORTS.—Section 304(a) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 434(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)(A)(i), by striking “(or posted by registered or certified mail no later than the 15th day before)”;

(2) in paragraph (4)(A)(ii), by striking “(or posted by registered or certified mail no later than the 15th day before)”;

(3) by striking paragraph (5) and inserting “(5) [Repealed.]”.

(b) CAMPAIGN-CYCLE REPORTING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 304(b) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 434(b)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (2), by inserting “(or, in the case of an authorized committee, the reporting period and the election cycle)” after “calendar year”;

(B) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “(or, in the case of an authorized committee, within the election cycle)” after “calendar year”;

(ii) in subparagraph (F), by inserting “(or, in the case of an authorized committee, within the election cycle)” after “calendar year”;

(iii) in subparagraph (G), by inserting “(or, in the case of an authorized committee, within the election cycle)” after “calendar year”;

(C) in paragraph (4), by inserting “(or, in the case of an authorized committee, the reporting period and the election cycle)” after “calendar year”;

(D) in paragraph (5)(A), by inserting “(or, in the case of an authorized committee, within the election cycle)” after “calendar year”;

(E) in paragraph (6)(A), by striking “calendar year” and inserting “election cycle”.

(2) DEFINITION OF ELECTION CYCLE.—Section 301 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(20) ELECTION CYCLE.—The term ‘election cycle’ means the period beginning on the day after the date of the most recent general election for the specific office or seat that a candidate is seeking and ending on the date of the next general election for that office or seat.”.

(c) MONTHLY REPORTING BY MULTICANDIDATE POLITICAL COMMITTEES.—Section 304(a)(4)(B) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 434(a)(4)(B)) is amended by adding at the end the following: “In the case of a multicandidate political committee that has received contributions aggregating \$100,000 or more or made expenditures aggregating \$100,000 or more, by January 1 of the calendar year, or anticipates receiving contributions aggregating \$100,000 or more or making expenditures aggregating \$100,000 or more during such year, the committee shall file monthly reports under this subparagraph.”.

(d) FILING OF REPORT OF INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES.—The second sentence of section 304(c)(2) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 434(c)(2)) is amended by inserting “and filed” after “shall be reported”.

(e) REPORTING OF CERTAIN EXPENDITURES.—Section 304(a) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 434(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(12)(A)(i) A political committee, other than an authorized committee of a candidate, that has received contributions aggregating \$100,000 or more or made expenditures aggregating \$100,000 or more during the calendar year or anticipates receiving contributions aggregating \$100,000 or more or making expenditures aggregating \$100,000 or more during such year, shall notify the Com-

mission in writing of any contribution in an aggregate amount equal to \$1,000 or more received by the committee after the 20th day, but more than 48 hours, before any election.

“(ii) Notification shall be made within 48 hours after the receipt of such contribution and shall include the name of the political committee, the identification of the contributor, and the date of receipt of the contribution.

“(B) The notification required under this paragraph shall be in addition to all other reporting requirements under this Act.”.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE ACCESS ACT

THOMPSON (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 2317

Mr. SPECTER (for Mr. THOMPSON (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. WARNER)) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 974) to establish a program to afford high school graduates from the District of Columbia the benefits of in-State tuition at State colleges and universities outside the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 13, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

(3) FURTHER ADJUSTMENTS.—Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), the Mayor may prioritize the making or amount of tuition and fee payments under this subsection based on the income and need of eligible students.

On page 15, line 22, strike “1999” and insert “1998”.

On page 23, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

(3) FURTHER ADJUSTMENTS.—Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), the Mayor may prioritize the making or amount of tuition and fee payments under this subsection based on the income and need of eligible students.

On page 23, line 14, strike “(A)” and insert “(A)(i)”.

On page 23, line 19, strike “(i)” and insert “(I)”.

On page 23, line 20, strike “(ii)” and insert “(II)”.

On page 24, line 1, strike “(iii)” and insert “(III)”.

On page 24, line 5, strike “(B)” and insert “(ii)”.

On page 24, line 9, strike “(C)” and insert “(iii)”.

On page 24, line 15, strike the period and insert “; or”.

On page 24, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

(B) is a private historically Black college or university (for purposes of this subparagraph such term shall have the meaning given the term “part B institution” in section 322(2) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061(2)) the main campus of which is located in the State of Maryland or the Commonwealth of Virginia.

DESIGNATING NATIONAL CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

REED AMENDMENT NO. 2318

Mr. SPECTER (for Mr. REED) proposed an amendment to the resolution (S. Res. 199) designating the week of