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H. R. 2527

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and
Administration

AN ACT

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to improve the electoral process by permitting electronic filing and preservation of Federal Election Commission reports, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ELECTRONIC FILING AND PRESERVATION OF**
2 **FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION REPORTS.**

3 (a) SECTION 304 AMENDMENT.—Subsection (a) of
4 section 304 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971
5 (2 U.S.C. 434(a)) is amended by adding at the end the
6 following new paragraph:

7 “(11)(A) The Commission shall permit reports re-
8 quired by this Act to be filed and preserved by means of
9 computer disk or any other appropriate electronic format
10 or method, as determined by the Commission.

11 “(B) In carrying out subparagraph (A) with respect
12 to filing of reports, the Commission shall provide for one
13 or more methods (other than requiring a signature on the
14 report being filed) for verifying reports filed by means of
15 computer disk or other electronic format or method. Any
16 verification under the preceding sentence shall be treated
17 for all purposes (including penalties for perjury) in the
18 same manner as a verification by signature.

19 “(C) As used in this paragraph, the term ‘report’
20 means, with respect to the Commission, a report, designa-
21 tion, or statement required by this Act to be filed with
22 the Commission.”.

23 (b) SECTION 302 AMENDMENT.—Subsection (d) of
24 section 302 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971
25 (2 U.S.C. 432(d)) is amended by adding at the end the
26 following new sentence: “For any report filed in electronic

1 format under section 304(a)(11), the treasurer shall retain
2 a machine-readable copy of the report as the copy pre-
3 served under the preceding sentence.”.

4 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
5 subsection (a) and subsection (b) shall apply with respect
6 to reports for periods beginning after December 31, 1996.

7 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF DUPLICATE FILING REQUIREMENT FOR**
8 **STATES WITH ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO FED-**
9 **ERAL ELECTION COMMISSION REPORTS AND**
10 **STATEMENTS.**

11 Section 312 of the Federal Election Campaign Act
12 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 439) is amended by adding at the end
13 the following new subsection:

14 “(c) Subsections (a) and (b) shall not apply with re-
15 spect to any State that, as determined by the Commission,
16 has a system that permits electronic access to, and dupli-
17 cation of, reports and statements that are filed with the
18 Commission.”.

1 **SEC. 3. FILING OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ELECTION**
2 **REPORTS WITH THE FEDERAL ELECTION**
3 **COMMISSION, RATHER THAN WITH THE**
4 **CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-**
5 **TIVES.**

6 (a) SECTION 302 AMENDMENTS.—Subsection (g) of
7 section 302 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971
8 (2 U.S.C. 432(g)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking out paragraph (1);

10 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through
11 (5) as paragraphs (1) through (4), respectively;

12 (3) in paragraph (2), as so redesignated by
13 paragraph (2) of this subsection—

14 (A) by striking out “Clerk of the House of
15 Representatives and the”; and

16 (B) by striking out “them” and inserting
17 in lieu thereof “the Secretary”;

18 (4) in paragraph (3), as so redesignated by
19 paragraph (2) of this subsection, by striking out
20 “paragraphs (1) and (2)” and inserting in lieu
21 thereof “paragraph (1)”; and

22 (5) in paragraph (4), as so redesignated by
23 paragraph (2) of this subsection, by striking out
24 “Clerk of the House of Representatives and the”.

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

4 (1) in the first sentence of subsection (a)(6), by
5 striking out “Clerk, the Secretary,” and inserting in
6 lieu thereof “Secretary”; and

7 (2) in the third sentence of subsection (c)(2),
8 by striking out “Clerk, the Secretary,” and inserting
9 in lieu thereof “Secretary”.

10 (c) SECTION 311 AMENDMENT.—Section 311(a)(4)
11 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C.
12 438(a)(4)) is amended by striking out “Clerk, Secretary,”
13 and inserting in lieu thereof “Secretary”.

14 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
15 this section shall apply with respect to reports, designa-
16 tions, and statements required to be filed after December
17 31, 1995.

Passed the House of Representatives November 13,
1995.

Attest:

ROBIN H. CARLE,

Clerk.