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H. R. 3122

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for separate limitations on contributions to qualifying and nonqualifying House of Representatives candidates.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 20, 1996

Mr. BROWN of Ohio introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Oversight

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. LIMITATIONS APPLICABLE TO CONTRIBUTIONS**
4 **TO QUALIFYING AND NONQUALIFYING**
5 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CANDIDATES.**

6 Section 315 of the Federal Election Campaign Act
7 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a) is amended by adding at the end
8 the following new subsection:

1 “(i)(1) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(1)(A), sub-
2 section (a)(2)(A), or any other provision of this Act—

3 “(A) no person shall make contributions to any
4 qualifying House of Representatives candidate with
5 respect to a general election and any primary elec-
6 tion relating to that general election which, in the
7 aggregate, exceed \$1,000; and

8 “(B) no multicandidate political committee shall
9 make contributions to any qualifying House of Rep-
10 resentatives candidate with respect to a general elec-
11 tion and any primary election relating to that gen-
12 eral election which, in the aggregate, exceed \$5,000.

13 “(2) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(1)(A), sub-
14 section (a)(2)(A), or any other provision of this Act—

15 “(A) no person shall make contributions to any
16 candidate for the office of Representative in, or Del-
17 egate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress
18 (other than a qualifying House of Representatives
19 candidate) with respect to a general election and any
20 primary election relating to that general election
21 which, in the aggregate, exceed \$500; and

22 “(B) no multicandidate political committee shall
23 make contributions to any candidate for the office of
24 Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commis-
25 sioner to, the Congress (other than a qualifying

1 House of Representatives candidate) with respect to
2 a general election and any primary election relating
3 to that general election which, in the aggregate, ex-
4 ceed \$1,000.”.

5 **SEC. 2. LIMITATIONS ON MULTICANDIDATE POLITICAL**
6 **COMMITTEE AND LARGE DONOR CONTRIBU-**
7 **TIONS THAT MAY BE ACCEPTED BY QUALIFY-**
8 **ING AND NONQUALIFYING HOUSE OF REP-**
9 **RESENTATIVES CANDIDATES.**

10 Section 315 of the Federal Election Campaign Act
11 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a), as amended by section 1, is fur-
12 ther amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
13 sections:

14 “(j)(1) A qualifying House of Representatives can-
15 didate may not, with respect to an election cycle, accept
16 contributions from the sources specified in paragraph (2)
17 aggregating in excess of \$200,000.

18 “(2) The sources referred to in paragraph (1) are—

19 “(A) multicandidate political committees; and

20 “(B) persons other than multicandidate political
21 committees whose contributions total more than
22 \$250.

23 “(k)(1) A candidate for the office of Representative
24 in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress
25 (other than a qualifying House of Representatives can-

1 didate) may not, with respect to an election cycle, accept
2 contributions from the sources specified in paragraph (2)
3 aggregating in excess of \$100,000.

4 “(2) The sources referred to in paragraph (1) are—

5 “(A) multicandidate political committees; and

6 “(B) persons other than multicandidate political
7 committees whose contributions total more than
8 \$250.”.

9 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION AMENDMENT.**

10 Section 301 of the Federal Election Campaign Act
11 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431) is amended by striking out para-
12 graph (19) and inserting in lieu thereof the following new
13 paragraphs:

14 “(19) The term ‘qualifying House of Representatives
15 candidate’ means a candidate for election to the office of
16 Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner
17 to, the Congress, who, as determined by the Commission,
18 agrees to limit expenditures to \$400,000 with respect to
19 an election cycle.

20 “(20) The term ‘election cycle’ means—

21 “(A) in the case of a candidate or the author-
22 ized committees of a candidate, the term beginning
23 on the day after the date of the most recent general
24 election for the specific office which such candidate

1 seeks and ending on the date of the next general
2 election for such office; and

3 “(B) for all other persons, the term beginning
4 on the first day following the date of the last general
5 election and ending on the date of the next general
6 election.”.

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