

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2109

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 8, 1997

Mr. COOK 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Campaign Finance
5 Sunshine Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROMOTING EXPEDITED AVAILABILITY OF FEC RE-**
2 **PORTS.**

3 (a) MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING.—Section
4 304(a)(11)(A) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of
5 1971 (2 U.S.C. 434(a)(11)(A)) is amended by striking
6 “permit reports required by” and inserting “require re-
7 ports under”.

8 (b) REQUIRING REPORTS TO BE PUBLICLY AVAIL-
9 ABLE WITHIN 24 HOURS OF RECEIPT.—Section 304 of
10 such Act (2 U.S.C. 434(a)) is amended by adding at the
11 end the following new subsection:

12 “(d)(1) The Commission shall make the information
13 contained in the reports submitted under this section
14 available on the Internet and publicly available at the of-
15 fices of the Commission as soon as practicable (but in no
16 case later than 24 hours) after the information is received
17 by the Commission.

18 “(2) In this subsection, the term ‘Internet’ means the
19 international computer network of both Federal and non-
20 Federal interoperable packet-switched data networks.”.

21 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

22 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with
23 respect to reports for periods beginning on or after Janu-
24 ary 1, 1999.

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