

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 359

To reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COLE (for himself, Mr. AKIN, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. CAMPBELL, Ms. FOXX, Mr. LAMBORN, and Mr. MCCLINTOCK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions.

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. TERMINATION OF TAXPAYER FINANCING OF**
4 **PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGNS.**

5 (a) **TERMINATION OF DESIGNATION OF INCOME TAX**
6 **PAYMENTS.**—Section 6096 of the Internal Revenue Code

1 of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following
2 new subsection:

3 “(d) **TERMINATION.**—This section shall not apply to
4 taxable years beginning after December 31, 2009.”.

5 (b) **TERMINATION OF FUND AND ACCOUNT.**—

6 (1) **TERMINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**
7 **CAMPAIGN FUND.**—

8 (A) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 95 of subtitle
9 H of such Code is amended by adding at the
10 end the following new section:

11 **“SEC. 9014. TERMINATION.**

12 “The provisions of this chapter shall not apply with
13 respect to any presidential election (or any presidential
14 nominating convention) after the date of the enactment
15 of this section, or to any candidate in such an election.”.

16 (B) **TRANSFER OF EXCESS FUNDS TO GEN-**
17 **ERAL FUND.**—Section 9006 of such Code is
18 amended by adding at the end the following
19 new subsection:

20 “(d) **TRANSFER OF FUNDS REMAINING AFTER TER-**
21 **MINATION.**—The Secretary shall transfer all amounts in
22 the fund after the date of the enactment of this section
23 to the general fund of the Treasury.”.

1 (2) TERMINATION OF ACCOUNT.—Chapter 96
2 of subtitle H of such Code is amended by adding at
3 the end the following new section:

4 **“SEC. 9043. TERMINATION.**

5 “The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any
6 candidate with respect to any presidential election after
7 the date of the enactment of this section.”.

8 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

9 (1) The table of sections for chapter 95 of sub-
10 title H of such Code is amended by adding at the
11 end the following new item:

“Sec. 9014. Termination.”.

12 (2) The table of sections for chapter 96 of sub-
13 title H of such Code is amended by adding at the
14 end the following new item:

“Sec. 9043. Termination.”.

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