

HR 5596

To amend section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate notification and return requirements for State and local party committees and candidate committees and avoid duplicate reporting by certain State and local political committees of information required to be reported and made publicly available under State law, and for other purposes.

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Taxation

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Brady, Kevin [R-TX-8]

Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-10]	D · TX		Oct 10, 2002
Rep. Meehan, Martin T. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Oct 10, 2002
Rep. Pomeroy, Earl [D-ND-At Large]	D · ND		Oct 10, 2002
Rep. Shays, Christopher [R-CT-4]	R · CT		Oct 10, 2002
Rep. Vitter, David [R-LA-1]	R · LA		Oct 10, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Discharged From	Oct 17, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 16, 2002)

(Sec. 1) Amends the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) to exempt State and local committees of candidates and of political parties from specified notification requirements.

(Sec. 2) Exempts a "qualified State or local political organization" from specified reporting requirements. Defines "qualified State or local political organization."

(Sec. 3) Requires an annual income tax return from political organizations only with respect to political organization taxable income. (Currently, such a return is required with respect to such income or if gross receipts exceed \$25,000.) Exempts such returns from disclosure.

Requires the filing of an annual information return by a political organization with gross receipts of \$25,000 or more or with gross receipts of \$100,000 or more in the case of a qualified State or local political organization, except for certain organizations including: (1) a State or local committee of a political party, or political committee of a State or local candidate; (2) a caucus or association of State or local officials; (3) an authorized committee of a candidate for Federal office; (4) a national committee of a political party; or (5) a U.S. House of Representatives or U.S. Senate campaign committee of a political party committee.

(Sec. 4) Requires the Secretary of the Treasury to publicize the effects of this Act and the interaction of IRC requirements with Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 requirements.

(Sec. 5) Permits the waiver of an organization's failure to comply tax if due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

(Sec. 6) Makes additional amendments to IRC section 527 (Political Organizations) concerning: (1) unsegregated funds; (2) penalty assessment and collection procedures; (3) electronic filing; (4) public availability of notices and reports; and (5) timing of notice of material change.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 2, 2002:** Signed by President.
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- **Nov 2, 2002:** Became Public Law No: 107-276.
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- **Oct 23, 2002:** Presented to President.
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- **Oct 18, 2002:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 17, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Received in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S10779-10781)
- **Oct 17, 2002:** Received in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S10779-10781)
- **Oct 16, 2002:** Committee on Ways and Means discharged.
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- **Oct 16, 2002:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR H8010-8013)
- **Oct 16, 2002:** Mr. Brady (TX) asked unanimous consent to discharge from committee and consider.
- **Oct 16, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.(text: CR H8011-8013)
- **Oct 16, 2002:** On passage Passed without objection. (text: CR H8011-8013)
- **Oct 16, 2002:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 10, 2002:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 10, 2002:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 10, 2002:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.