

S 600

A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to enhance criminal penalties for election law violations, to clarify current provisions of law regarding donations from foreign nationals, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Mar 22, 2001

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. (text of measure as introduced)

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2774-2775) (Mar 22, 2001)

**Official Text:** https://www.congress.gov/bill/107th-congress/senate-bill/600

Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Thompson, Fred [R-TN]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (4 total)

| Cosponsor                        | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|----------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]    | R · ME        |      | Mar 22, 2001 |
| Sen. Jeffords, James M. [R-VT]   | R · VT        |      | Mar 22, 2001 |
| Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]    | D · VT        |      | Mar 22, 2001 |
| Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT] | D · CT        |      | Mar 22, 2001 |

Committee Activity

| Committee                          | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Rules and Administration Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Mar 22, 2001 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Mar 22, 2001)

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Amends the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (FECA) to increase from one year to five years the maximum imprisonment for knowing and willful prohibited transactions aggregating \$25,000 or more during a calendar year. Extends the statute of limitations from three to five years.

Directs the U.S. Sentencing Commission to: (1) promulgate a guideline, or amend an existing guideline, for penalties under FECA and related election laws; and (2) submit to Congress an explanation of any such guidelines and any legislative or administrative recommendations regarding enforcement.

Amends FECA to extend the prohibition against campaign contributions by foreign nationals to domestic subsidiaries of foreign nationals, unless the subsidiary can demonstrate through a reasonable accounting method that it has sufficient funds other than those given or loaned by its foreign national parent from which the contribution or donation is made.

Extends to donations the prohibition against contributions in the name of another.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 22, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 22, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2773-2774)
- **Mar 22, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2774-2775)