

S 1053

527 Reform Act of 2005

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Lott, Trent [R-MS]

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Reported Original Measure	May 17, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 2511	Related bill	Jun 29, 2006: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6738-6744)
109 HR 513	Related bill	Apr 6, 2006: Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 392.
109 S 271	Related bill	Mar 8, 2005: Committee on Rules and Administration. Hearings held.

527 Reform Act of 2005 - Amends the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to include in the definition of political committee any applicable 527 organization. (Thus subjects such organizations to the requirements of the Act. A 527 organization, as defined by section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code, is an organization, not controlled by or involving a particular candidate for office, whose function is to influence or attempt to influence the selection, nomination, election, or appointment of any individual to any federal, state, or local public office or office in a political organization, or the election of presidential or vice-presidential electors, whether or not such individual or electors are selected, nominated, elected, or appointed.)

Excludes from the definition of 527 organization certain kinds of committees, clubs, associations, or other groups of persons, unless such a group makes disbursements meeting specified criteria involving candidates for Federal office.

Sets forth rules for allocation and funding for certain expenses relating to Federal and non-Federal activities.

Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit the charges made for the use of any television broadcast station, or by a cable or satellite television service provider, to any legally qualified candidate for public office, or by a national committee of a political party on behalf of such a candidate, in connection with the campaign for such office, from exceeding the lowest charge for pre-emptible use for the same period of time for the same period.

Amends the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1978 to exclude communications over the Internet from its coverage.

Increases limits for contributions by persons and multicandidate committees to any candidate, his or her authorized political committee, or other political committee.

Exempts from such contribution limits any transfers from Leadership PACs to national party committees.

Eliminates the number and frequency restrictions on solicitations by corporations and labor organizations.

Increases the threshold amount of contributions any committee, club, association, or other group of persons, or any local committee of a political party must receive in order to be considered a political committee subject to the requirements and restrictions of the Act.

Actions Timeline

- **May 17, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 17, 2005:** Committee on Rules and Administration. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Lott. Without written report.(text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S5321-5323)
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- **May 17, 2005:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 107.
- **Apr 27, 2005:** Committee on Rules and Administration ordered to be reported an original measure in lieu of S. 271.