

HR 513

527 Reform Act of 2006

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Shays, Christopher [R-CT-4]

Party: Republican • State: CT • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Meehan, Martin T. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Feb 2, 2005
Rep. Castle, Michael N. [R-DE-At Large]	R · DE		Feb 9, 2005
Rep. Bass, Charles F. [R-NH-2]	R · NH		Feb 17, 2005
Rep. Bishop, Timothy H. [D-NY-1]	D · NY		Feb 17, 2005
Rep. Boyd, Allen [D-FL-2]	D · FL		Mar 2, 2005
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Mar 17, 2005
Rep. Becerra, Xavier [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Apr 6, 2005
Rep. McNulty, Michael R. [D-NY-21]	D · NY		Apr 6, 2005
Rep. Simmons, Rob [R-CT-2]	R · CT		Apr 6, 2005
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Apr 27, 2005
Rep. Oberstar, James L. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		May 4, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Reported By	Sep 22, 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 4975	Related bill	May 23, 2006: Laid on the table. See S. 2349 for further action.
109 S 2349	Related bill	May 23, 2006: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
109 HRES 783	Related bill	Apr 27, 2006: On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 216 - 207 (Roll no. 110). (text: CR H1877-1878)
109 HRES 755	Procedurally related	Apr 5, 2006: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
109 HR 4948	Related bill	Mar 14, 2006: Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, and the Judiciary, 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.
109 S 1053	Related bill	May 17, 2005: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 107.
109 S 271	Related bill	Mar 8, 2005: Committee on Rules and Administration. Hearings held.

527 Reform Act of 2005 - (Sec. 2) Amends the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (FECA) 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.) Requires the organization to give notice to the Secretary of the Treasury under section 527 that it is to be treated as an organization described in section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Excepts from the definition of 527 organization under FECA a committee, club, association, or other group of persons (organization) which: (1) is a 527 organization under the Internal Revenue Code; (2) is organized, operated, and makes disbursements exclusively for paying certain tax-deductible business expenses or expenses of a certain kind of political newsletter fund; (3) consists solely of candidates for or individuals holding state or local office, but only if the organization refers only to one or more non-federal candidates or applicable state or local issues in all of its voter drive activities, without reference to any federal candidate; or (4) whose election or nomination activities relate exclusively to elections where no candidate for federal office appears on the ballot, or to influencing the selection, nomination, election, or appointment of one or more candidates to non-federal offices or individuals to non-elected offices, or influencing one or more applicable state or local issues.

Denies the treatment of any such organization as meeting such exclusivity requirement if it makes disbursements aggregating more than \$1,000 for: (1) a public communication that promotes, supports, attacks, or opposes a clearly identified candidate for federal office during the one year period ending on the date of the general election for the office sought by the candidate (or if a runoff election is held with respect to such general election, on the date of the runoff election); and (2) any voter drive activity during a calendar year, except a drive in only one state with no reference to federal office candidates.

(Sec. 3) Sets forth rules for allocation and funding for certain expenses relating to federal and non-federal activities, including payments of 100% or 50% from a federal account in several specified circumstances. Limits individual donations to a political committee that is a separate segregated fund or nonconnected committee to an annual aggregate of \$25,000 for its qualified non-federal account.

(Sec. 4) Repeals the limit on the amount of party expenditures on behalf of candidates in general elections. Raises the limits for House and Senate candidates facing wealthy opponents.

(Sec. 6) Prescribes special rules for actions brought for declaratory or injunctive relief to challenge the constitutionality of any provision of this Act. Requires such an action to be filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, and to be heard by a three-judge panel. Makes any final decision by the panel reviewable only by the U.S. Supreme Court. Authorizes Members of Congress to: (1) bring an action challenging the constitutionality of this Act; and (2) intervene in any action in which the constitutionality of any provision of this Act is raised. Applies such special rules only to actions brought on or before December 31, 2008.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 6, 2006:** Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 392.
- **Apr 5, 2006:** Rule H. Res. 755 passed House.
- **Apr 5, 2006:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 755. (consideration: CR H1514-1529; text of measure as reported in House: CR H1514-1516)
- **Apr 5, 2006:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 513 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. The bill shall be considered in the House. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on House Administration now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted. Measure will be considered read. (consideration: CR H1514-1516)
- **Apr 5, 2006:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 513.
- **Apr 5, 2006:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H1528)
- **Apr 5, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 218 - 209 (Roll no. 88).(text: CR H1516-1518)
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- **Apr 5, 2006:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 4, 2006:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 755 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 513 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. The bill shall be considered in the House. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on House Administration now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted. Measure will be considered read.
- **Sep 22, 2005:** Supplemental report filed by the Committee on House Administration, H. Rept. 109-181, Part II.
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- **Jul 22, 2005:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on House Administration. H. Rept. 109-181.
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- **Jul 22, 2005:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 113.
- **Jun 29, 2005:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 29, 2005:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) Without Recommendation by the Yeas and Nays: 5 - 3.
- **Feb 2, 2005:** Introduced in House
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