

HR 7022

Fair Elections Now Act

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Sep 23, 2008
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 23, 2008
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 23, 2008
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 23, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 1285	Related bill	Jun 20, 2007: Committee on Rules and Administration. Hearings held.
110 S 936	Related bill	Mar 20, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3372-3381)

Fair Elections Now Act - Amends the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (FECA) with respect to: (1) eligibility and qualifying contribution requirements, seed money limits, and benefits of fair elections financing of campaigns for election to the U.S. House of Representatives; (2) establishment of a House Fair Elections Fund; (3) eligibility for Fund allocations as well as such allocations; (4) a seed money contribution requirement; (5) contribution and expenditure requirements; (6) certification of whether or not a federal election candidate is a participating candidate; (7) benefits for participating candidates; (8) payment of fair fight funds; (9) administration of the House Fair Elections System; (10) reporting requirements for nonparticipating candidates; (11) modification of electioneering communication reporting requirements; and (12) the limitation on coordinated expenditures by political party committees with participating candidates.

Amends the Communications Act of 1934 with respect to the deposit of proceeds from recovered spectrum auctions.

Establishes the Fair Elections Review Commission.

Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to: (1) entitle participating candidates to receive specified reduced broadcast rates in certain circumstances; and (2) provide for political advertisement vouchers for them.

Directs the Federal Election Commission (FEC) to charge non-public broadcast stations a spectrum use fee, which shall be deposited into the House Fair Elections Fund.

Amends federal postal law to prohibit franked mass mailings by Members of Congress (except notices of public meetings) during the 90 days before primary and general election periods, unless they are not candidates for re-election.

Amends FECA to: (1) empower the FEC to petition the U.S. Supreme Court for a proceeding on certiorari; (2) revise requirements for filing with the FEC by House candidates; and (3) reduce from 48 to 24 hours the deadline for electronic filing with the FEC of reports by each political committee of contributions received within 90 days before an election.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Sep 23, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 23, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Oversight and Government Reform, and Rules, 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.
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