

HR 776

Presidential Funding Act of 2007

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Current Status: Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means

Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. (Jan 31, 2007)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Meehan, Martin T. [D-MA-5]

Party: Democratic • State: MA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (10 total)

| Cosponsor                              | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
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| Rep. Emanuel, Rahm [D-IL-5]            | D · IL        |      | Jan 31, 2007 |
| Rep. Frank, Barney [D-MA-4]            | D · MA        |      | Jan 31, 2007 |
| Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]          | D · NC        |      | Jan 31, 2007 |
| Rep. Shays, Christopher [R-CT-4]       | R · CT        |      | Jan 31, 2007 |
| Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]        | D · MD        |      | Jan 31, 2007 |
| Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-25]          | D · TX        |      | Feb 13, 2007 |
| Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3] | D · VA        |      | Feb 16, 2007 |
| Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]    | R · PA        |      | Apr 16, 2007 |
| Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]      | D · MD        |      | May 1, 2007  |
| Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]         | D · OR        |      | Jun 18, 2007 |

Committee Activity

| Committee                         | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Committee on House Administration | House   | Referred To | Jan 31, 2007 |
| Ways and Means Committee          | House   | Referred To | Jan 31, 2007 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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## Related Bills

| Bill                        | Relationship | Last Action   |
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| <a href="#">110 HR 4294</a> | Related bill | <b>Dec 5, 2007:</b> Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. |
| <a href="#">110 S 2412</a>  | Related bill | <b>Dec 5, 2007:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S14791-14797)   |
| <a href="#">110 S 436</a>   | Related bill | <b>Jan 30, 2007:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1348-1351)  |

## Summary (as of Jan 31, 2007)

Presidential Funding Act of 2007 - Amends Internal Revenue Code provisions relating to public financing of presidential election campaigns to: (1) quadruple (1:1 to 4:1) the matching rate for contributions to primary election candidates; (2) lower from \$250 to \$200 the limit on individual campaign contributions; (3) increase the presidential primary qualifying threshold from \$5,000 to \$25,000 in 20 states; (4) require presidential candidates to participate in the primary payment system to be eligible for general election payments; (5) move the starting date for payments to primary candidates from January 1 of a presidential election year to six months before the earliest state primary election; (6) allow additional payments and increased expenditure limits for candidates who face opponents who do not participate in public financing and who raise more than 20% of applicable spending limits; (7) designate the last Friday before the first Monday in September as the date for payments to eligible presidential candidates; and (8) increase from \$3 to \$10 the presidential campaign tax return check-off amount.

Amends the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to: (1) increase expenditure limits for presidential primary campaigns and eliminate state primary spending limits; (2) limit political party general election campaign expenditures to \$25 million, with an additional \$25 million allowance after the party's candidate is nominated; (3) prohibit political parties from spending unregulated funds (soft money) on their national conventions; and (4) require presidential campaign committees to disclose information about bundled contributions (series of contributions aggregating more than \$10,000).

## Actions Timeline

- **Jan 31, 2007:** Introduced in House
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