

HR 1826

Fair Elections Now Act

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Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Latest Action: Committee Hearings Held. (Jul 30, 2009)

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Name: Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CT • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Mar 31, 2009
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Rep. Edwards, Donna F. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Mar 31, 2009
Rep. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Mar 31, 2009
Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Mar 31, 2009
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Mar 31, 2009
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Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]	R · PA		Mar 31, 2009
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Mar 31, 2009
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Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Apr 21, 2009
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Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Apr 22, 2009
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Apr 30, 2009
Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	D · OH		May 5, 2009
Rep. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT-5]	D · CT		May 5, 2009
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		May 6, 2009
Rep. Hinchey, Maurice D. [D-NY-22]	D · NY		May 6, 2009
Rep. Massa, Eric J. J. [D-NY-29]	D · NY		May 11, 2009
Rep. Dahlkemper, Kathleen A. [D-PA-3]	D · PA		May 12, 2009
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		May 12, 2009
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		May 13, 2009
Rep. Arcuri, Michael A. [D-NY-24]	D · NY		May 19, 2009
Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		May 19, 2009
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		May 19, 2009
Rep. Delahunt, Bill [D-MA-10]	D · MA		May 20, 2009
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		May 20, 2009
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Jun 2, 2009
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Jun 2, 2009
Rep. Hare, Phil [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Jun 2, 2009
Rep. Hodes, Paul W. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Jun 2, 2009
Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Jun 2, 2009
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Jun 2, 2009

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Rep. Israel, Steve [D-NY-2]	D · NY		Jun 3, 2009
Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Jun 3, 2009
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Jun 4, 2009
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Jun 4, 2009
Rep. Sestak, Joe [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Jun 4, 2009
Rep. Perriello, Thomas S.P. [D-VA-5]	D · VA		Jun 8, 2009
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-25]	D · TX		Jun 9, 2009
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Jun 9, 2009
Rep. Kosmas, Suzanne M. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Jun 10, 2009
Rep. Markey, Betsy [D-CO-4]	D · CO		Jun 10, 2009
Rep. Teague, Harry [D-NM-2]	D · NM		Jun 10, 2009
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Jun 15, 2009
Rep. Wu, David [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Jun 16, 2009
Rep. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Jun 19, 2009
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Jun 25, 2009
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Jul 10, 2009
Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Jul 14, 2009
Rep. Reyes, Silvestre [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Jul 14, 2009
Rep. Fattah, Chaka [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Jul 15, 2009
Rep. Rothman, Steven R. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Jul 15, 2009
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Jul 16, 2009
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Jul 21, 2009
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-28]	D · NY		Jul 21, 2009
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jul 22, 2009
Rep. Miller, George [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Jul 22, 2009
Rep. Jackson, Jesse L., Jr. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Jul 23, 2009
Rep. Ortiz, Solomon P. [D-TX-27]	D · TX		Jul 24, 2009
Rep. Kagen, Steve [D-WI-8]	D · WI		Jul 27, 2009
Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Jul 27, 2009
Rep. Costello, Jerry F. [D-IL-12]	D · IL		Jul 29, 2009
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Jul 29, 2009
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Jul 29, 2009
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Jul 30, 2009
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Jul 30, 2009
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Jul 31, 2009
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-21]	D · NY		Jul 31, 2009
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Sep 9, 2009
Rep. Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Sep 9, 2009
Rep. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Sep 10, 2009
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Sep 14, 2009
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Sep 14, 2009
Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Sep 14, 2009

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Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Sep 14, 2009
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Sep 16, 2009
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Sep 17, 2009
Rep. Chandler, Ben [D-KY-6]	D · KY		Sep 22, 2009
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Sep 23, 2009
Rep. Miller, Brad [D-NC-13]	D · NC		Sep 25, 2009
Rep. Olver, John W. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Sep 25, 2009
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Oct 1, 2009
Rep. Tsongas, Niki [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Oct 1, 2009
Rep. Harman, Jane [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Oct 6, 2009
Rep. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Oct 6, 2009
Rep. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Oct 6, 2009
Rep. Murphy, Scott [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Oct 6, 2009
Rep. Boccieri, John A. [D-OH-16]	D · OH		Oct 8, 2009
Rep. Frank, Barney [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Oct 8, 2009
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Oct 8, 2009
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Oct 8, 2009
Rep. Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]	D · MN		Oct 8, 2009
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Oct 14, 2009
Rep. Braley, Bruce L. [D-IA-1]	D · IA		Oct 14, 2009
Rep. Kildee, Dale E. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Oct 14, 2009
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Oct 14, 2009
Rep. Andrews, Robert E. [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Oct 15, 2009
Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		Oct 15, 2009
Rep. McCarthy, Carolyn [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Oct 27, 2009
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Oct 28, 2009
Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Nov 2, 2009
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Nov 3, 2009
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Nov 4, 2009
Rep. Kissell, Larry [D-NC-8]	D · NC		Nov 5, 2009
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Nov 5, 2009
Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Nov 16, 2009
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Nov 16, 2009
Rep. Sutton, Betty [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Nov 17, 2009
Rep. Halvorson, Deborah L. [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Dec 1, 2009
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Dec 1, 2009
Rep. Castle, Michael N. [R-DE-At Large]	R · DE		Dec 10, 2009
Rep. Watt, Melvin L. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		Dec 14, 2009
Rep. Minnick, Walter [D-ID-1]	D · ID		Dec 15, 2009
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Dec 16, 2009
Rep. Owens, William L. [D-NY-23]	D · NY		Dec 16, 2009
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Jan 12, 2010

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Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Jan 20, 2010
Rep. Kennedy, Patrick J. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jan 26, 2010
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-12]	D · CA		Jan 26, 2010
Rep. Bishop, Timothy H. [D-NY-1]	D · NY		Feb 3, 2010
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Feb 3, 2010
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Feb 3, 2010
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Feb 3, 2010
Rep. Watson, Diane E. [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Feb 3, 2010
Rep. Payne, Donald M. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Feb 22, 2010
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Feb 22, 2010
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Feb 24, 2010
Rep. Weiner, Anthony D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Feb 24, 2010
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Feb 25, 2010
Rep. Kilroy, Mary Jo [D-OH-15]	D · OH		Mar 2, 2010
Rep. Hall, John J. [D-NY-19]	D · NY		Mar 16, 2010
Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-23]	D · CA		Mar 25, 2010
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		Apr 14, 2010
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Apr 14, 2010
Rep. Schauer, Mark H. [D-MI-7]	D · MI		Apr 14, 2010
Rep. Boswell, Leonard L. [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Apr 22, 2010
Rep. Meek, Kendrick B. [D-FL-17]	D · FL		Apr 22, 2010
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-1]	D · CA		Apr 22, 2010
Rep. Fudge, Marcia L. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		Apr 28, 2010
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Apr 29, 2010
Rep. Ackerman, Gary L. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		May 12, 2010
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-19]	D · FL		May 13, 2010
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-6]	D · NY		May 25, 2010
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		May 26, 2010
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Jun 14, 2010
Rep. Crowley, Joseph [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Jun 21, 2010
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Jun 23, 2010
Rep. Baca, Joe [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Jul 22, 2010
Rep. Giffords, Gabrielle [D-AZ-8]	D · AZ		Jul 30, 2010
Rep. Kratovil, Frank, Jr. [D-MD-1]	D · MD		Jul 30, 2010
Rep. Gonzalez, Charles A. [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Aug 10, 2010
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-11]	D · FL		Sep 14, 2010
Rep. Sanchez, Loretta [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Sep 14, 2010
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Sep 14, 2010
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-13]	D · NJ		Sep 14, 2010
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-17]	D · OH		Sep 23, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Hearings By (full committee)	Jul 30, 2009
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 1, 2009
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 31, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 6116	Related bill	Dec 22, 2010: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 410.
111 S 752	Related bill	Mar 31, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4074-4080)

Fair Elections Now Act - Amends the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (FECA) with respect to: (1) eligibility and qualifying contribution requirements and benefits of fair elections financing of House of Representatives election campaigns; (2) establishment of a Fair Elections Fund; (3) eligibility for Fund allocations; (4) contribution and expenditure requirements; (5) a public debate requirement; (6) certification of whether or not a federal election candidate is a participating candidate; (7) benefits for participating candidates; (8) matching payments for qualified small dollar contributions; (9) political advertising vouchers; (10) establishment of a Fair Elections Oversight Board; (11) civil penalties for violation of contribution and expenditure requirements; (12) prohibition of joint fundraising committees with any political committee other than a candidate's authorized committee; and (13) a specified limitation on coordinated expenditures by political party committees with participating candidates.

Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to require the deposit into the Fair Elections Fund of 10% of the proceeds from competitive auctions for recovered analog spectrum.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow for designation of a certain amount of income tax liability to the Fair Elections Fund.

Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to: (1) prohibit the preemption of the use of a broadcasting station by a legally qualified House candidate who has purchased and paid for such use; (2) revise Federal Communications Commission (FCC) authority to revoke licenses for broadcasting stations who fail to provide access to House candidates; and (3) revise the formula for determining reduced broadcast rates for participating candidates in certain circumstances.

Directs the FCC to initiate a rulemaking proceeding to establish a standardized form to be used by broadcasting stations to record and report the purchase of advertising time by or on behalf of a candidate for nomination for election, or for election, to federal elective office.

Amends FECA to: (1) empower the Federal Election Commission (FEC) to petition the U.S. Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari to appeal a civil action; (2) require all designations, statements, and reports required to be filed under FECA to be filed directly with the FEC, and in computer-accessible electronic form; and (3) reduce from 48 to 24 hours after their receipt the deadline for the FEC to make designations, statements, reports, or notifications available to the public in the FEC office and on the Internet.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 30, 2009:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 1, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet.
- **Mar 31, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 31, 2009:** Referred to House Administration
- **Mar 31, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and 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.
- **Mar 31, 2009:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce
- **Mar 31, 2009:** Referred to House Ways and Means