

S 2219

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Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Mar 28, 2012
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Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI		Apr 25, 2012
Sen. Hagan, Kay R. [D-NC]	D · NC		Apr 26, 2012
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Jun 5, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules and Administration Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Mar 29, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 3369	Related bill	Jul 24, 2012: Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights. Hearings held.
112 HR 4010	Related bill	Jul 12, 2012: Motion to Discharge Committee filed by Mr. Van Hollen. Petition No: 112-4. (http://clerk.house.gov/112/lrc/pd/petitions/DisPet0004.xml) Discharge petition text with signatures.)

Summary (as of Mar 21, 2012)

Democracy Is Strengthened by Casting Light On Spending in Elections Act of 2012 or DISCLOSE Act of 2012 - Amends the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (FECA) to redefine the term "independent expenditure" as an expenditure by a person that, when taken as a whole, expressly advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate, or is the functional equivalent of express advocacy because it can be interpreted by a reasonable person only as advocating the election or defeat of a candidate, taking into account whether the communication involved mentions a candidacy, a political party, or a challenger to a candidate, or takes a position on a candidates, qualifications, or fitness for office.

Expands the period during which certain communications are treated as electioneering communications.

Prescribes disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, and certain other entities, including a political committee with an account established for the purpose of accepting donations or contributions that do not comply with the contribution limits or source prohibitions under FECA (but only with respect to such accounts).

Prescribes disclaimer requirements for public communications that include functional equivalent of express advocacy.

Requires any communication transmitted through radio or television to include an individual or organizational disclosure statement, together with: (1) the Top Two Funders List of the persons providing the largest and second largest aggregate payments of \$10,000 or more for a radio communication, and (2) the Top Five Funders List of the five persons providing the largest aggregate payments of \$10,000 or more for a television communication.

Repeals the prohibition against political contributions by individuals age 17 or younger.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 29, 2012:** Committee on Rules and Administration. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 112-770.
- **Mar 21, 2012:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 21, 2012:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1938)
- **Mar 21, 2012:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.