

## S 3369

DISCLOSE Act of 2012

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Jul 10, 2012

**Current Status:** Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights. Hearings

**Latest Action:** Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights. Hearings held. (Jul 24, 2012)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/senate-bill/3369>

### Sponsor

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**Name:** Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** RI • **Chamber:** Senate

**Cosponsors** (40 total)

<b>Cosponsor</b>	<b>Party / State</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Date Joined</b>
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jul 10, 2012
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jul 10, 2012
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 10, 2012
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 10, 2012
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Jul 10, 2012
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 10, 2012
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jul 10, 2012
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 10, 2012
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Jul 11, 2012
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 11, 2012
Sen. Conrad, Kent [D-ND]	D · ND		Jul 11, 2012
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jul 11, 2012
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 11, 2012
Sen. Hagan, Kay R. [D-NC]	D · NC		Jul 11, 2012
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Jul 11, 2012
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 11, 2012
Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI		Jul 11, 2012
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Jul 11, 2012
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jul 11, 2012
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 11, 2012
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Jul 11, 2012
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 11, 2012
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jul 11, 2012
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 11, 2012
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jul 11, 2012
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 11, 2012
Sen. Udall, Mark [D-CO]	D · CO		Jul 11, 2012
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 16, 2012
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Jul 16, 2012
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jul 16, 2012
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jul 16, 2012
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Jul 16, 2012
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 16, 2012
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Jul 16, 2012
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 16, 2012
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 16, 2012
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 16, 2012
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jul 16, 2012
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Jul 16, 2012
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 17, 2012

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jul 24, 2012

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 4010	Related bill	<b>Jul 12, 2012:</b> Motion to Discharge Committee filed by Mr. Van Hollen. Petition No: 112-4. (<a href="http://clerk.house.gov/112/lrc/pd/petitions/DisPet0004.xml ">Discharge petition</a> text with signatures.)
112 S 2219	Related bill	<b>Mar 29, 2012:</b> Committee on Rules and Administration. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 112-770.

## Summary (as of Jul 10, 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 candidate's character, 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).

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

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 24, 2012:** Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights. Hearings held.
- **Jul 17, 2012:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (consideration: CR S5051-5052, S5057-5064, S5065-5066, S5066-5071, S5071-5072)
- **Jul 17, 2012:** Motion to proceed to consideration of the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to the measure (Roll Call Vote No. 179) agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 17, 2012:** Motion by Senator Reid to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to the measure (Roll Call Vote No. 179) agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5071-5072; text: CR S5071)
- **Jul 17, 2012:** Upon reconsideration, cloture on the motion to proceed to the measure not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 53 - 45. Record Vote Number: 180.
- **Jul 17, 2012:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure withdrawn in Senate. (consideration: CR S5072)
- **Jul 16, 2012:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (consideration: CR S4985, S4985-4988, S4988-4991, S4993-4994, S4995-4998, S4999-5003, S5007-5008, S5010-5023, S5025-5044)
- **Jul 16, 2012:** Cloture on the motion to proceed to the measure not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 51 - 44. Record Vote Number: 179.
- **Jul 16, 2012:** Motion by Senator Reid to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to the measure (Roll Call Vote No. 179) entered in Senate. (consideration: CR S5008; text: CR S5008)
- **Jul 12, 2012:** Motion to proceed to consideration of measure made in Senate. (consideration: CR S4919-4932)
- **Jul 12, 2012:** Motion to proceed to measure considered in Senate. (consideration: CR S4938-4943)
- **Jul 12, 2012:** Cloture motion on the motion to proceed to the measure presented in Senate. (consideration: CR S4942-4943; text: CR S4942)
- **Jul 11, 2012:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 446.
- **Jul 10, 2012:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 10, 2012:** Introduced in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.