

## HR 269

Fair Elections Now Act

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**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		May 21, 2014

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Jan 15, 2013

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 2023	Related bill	<b>Feb 12, 2014:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S951-957)
113 S 375	Related bill	<b>Jul 24, 2013:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 148.

Fair Elections Now Act - Amends the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (FECA) with respect to:

- candidate benefits of fair elections financing of House of Representatives election campaigns;
- allocations to candidates from the Fair Elections Fund established by this Act;
- 500% matching payments to candidates for certain small dollar contributions;
- Fund allocation eligibility requirements;
- certification of a federal election candidate as a participating candidate;
- contribution, expenditure, and fundraising requirements;
- a public debate requirement;
- remission to the Fair Elections Fund of unspent funds after an election;
- establishment of the Fair Elections Fund and of a Fair Elections Oversight Board;
- civil penalties for violation of contribution and expenditure requirements; and
- transfer of a portion of collected civil money penalties into the Fair Elections Fund.

Prohibits: (1) use of contributions by a participating candidate for any purposes other than an election campaign, and (2) establishment of joint fundraising committees with any political committee other than a candidate's authorized committee. Prescribes a limitation on coordinated expenditures by political party committees with participating candidates.

Amends FECA to empower the Federal Election Commission (FEC) to petition the U.S. Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari to appeal a civil action.

Requires all designations, statements, and reports required to be filed under FECA to be filed: (1) directly with the FEC, and (2) in electronic form accessible by computers. Reduces from 48 hours 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**

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