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To limit the duration of certain benefits afforded to former Presidents, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COBLE introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Post Office and Civil Service

A BILL

To limit the duration of certain benefits afforded to former Presidents, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. LIMITATIONS RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY OF A**
4 **FORMER PRESIDENT FOR OFFICE SPACE AND**
5 **A MONETARY ALLOWANCE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Act entitled “An Act to pro-
7 vide retirement, clerical assistants, and free mailing privi-
8 leges to former Presidents of the United States, and for
9 other purposes”, approved August 25, 1958 (3 U.S.C. 102
10 note) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) by striking “(a) Each” and inserting
3 “(a)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2),
4 each”;

5 (B) by striking the second sentence; and

6 (C) adding at the end the following:

7 “(2) An allowance under this subsection shall not be
8 payable—

9 “(A) for any period during which the former
10 President holds an appointive or elective office or
11 position in or under the Federal Government or the
12 government of the District of Columbia to which is
13 attached a rate of pay other than a nominal rate;

14 “(B) for any month if such former President
15 has not attained retirement age (within the meaning
16 of section 216(l)(1) of the Social Security Act (42
17 U.S.C. 416(l)(1)) before the start of such month; or

18 “(C) in the case of a former President other-
19 wise entitled to any other annuity or pension under
20 any other Act of Congress (excluding a survivor ben-
21 efit and any benefit under title XVIII of the Social
22 Security Act), unless such former President waives
23 the right to each such other annuity or pension.”;
24 and

25 (2) by repealing subsection (c).

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 subsection (a) shall take effect as of the first day of the
3 first month beginning after the end of the 6-month period
4 beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

5 **SEC. 2. PROVISIONS RELATING TO SECRET SERVICE PRO-**
6 **TECTION FOR A FORMER PRESIDENT OR**
7 **MEMBER OF THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY OF A**
8 **FORMER PRESIDENT.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3056(a) of title 18,
10 United States Code, is amended—

11 (1) by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the
12 following:

13 “(3) Former Presidents, for the 1-year period
14 immediately following the termination date of the
15 person’s service as President.”; and

16 (2) by striking paragraph (4).

17 (b) COORDINATION WITH OTHER PROVISIONS OF
18 LAW.—For purposes of sections 879 and 1752 of title 18,
19 United States Code—

20 (1) a former President shall, after the end of
21 the 1-year period referred to in section 3056(a)(3)
22 of such title (as amended by subsection (a)(1)), be
23 deemed to be a person under Secret Service protec-
24 tion; and

1 (2) children of a former President who are
2 under 16 years of age, and a spouse of a former
3 President (except a spouse who is otherwise ineli-
4 gible for Secret Service protection by reason of
5 remarriage), shall be deemed to be persons under
6 Secret Service protection;

7 unless such person did not have Secret Service protection,
8 as of the date such person was last eligible therefor, by
9 reason of a declination of protection made by such person.

10 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
11 this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment
12 of this Act, except that the enactment of this section shall
13 not have the effect of terminating Secret Service protec-
14 tion for any person before—

15 (1) the expiration of the 6-month period begin-
16 ning on the date of the enactment of this Act; or

17 (2) such person has received (or been eligible to
18 receive) Secret Service protection as a former Presi-
19 dent, or the spouse or a child of a former President,
20 as the case may be, for at least 12 months after the
21 termination date of such former President’s service.

22 (d) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
23 term “Secret Service” means the United States Secret
24 Service, the Department of the Treasury.

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