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H. R. 276

To prohibit candidates for Federal office from using campaign contributions for inherently personal purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JACOBS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Oversight

A BILL

To prohibit candidates for Federal office from using campaign contributions for inherently personal 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. PROHIBITION OF USE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR**
4 **INHERENTLY PERSONAL PURPOSES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Federal Election
6 Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431 et seq.) is amended
7 by adding at the end of the following new section:

1 “PROHIBITION OF USE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR
2 INHERENTLY PERSONAL PURPOSES

3 “SEC. 323. (a) An individual who receives contribu-
4 tions as a candidate for Federal office—

5 “(1) may use such contributions only for legiti-
6 mate and verifiable campaign expenses;

7 “(2) may not accept any salary or similar pay-
8 ment from such contributions; and

9 “(3) may not use such contributions for any in-
10 herently personal purpose.

11 “(b) As used in this subsection—

12 “(1) the term ‘campaign expenses’ means ex-
13 penses attributable solely to bona fide campaign pur-
14 poses; and

15 “(2) the term ‘inherently personal purpose’
16 means a purpose that, by its nature, is for personal
17 benefit, and such term includes a home mortgage
18 payment, clothing purchase, noncampaign auto-
19 mobile expense, and any other inherently personal
20 living expense.”.

21 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
22 subsection (a) shall apply to contributions received after
23 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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