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#### AMENDMENTS

1974—Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, § 408(b), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1297, substituted “Presidential primary matching payment account” for “Presidential election campaign fund advisory board” in item for chapter 96.

1971—Pub. L. 92-178, title VIII, § 801, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 562, added subtitle H.

## CHAPTER 95—PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND

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### Editorial Notes

#### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-141, div. U, title IV, § 401(d)(8), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1212, struck out item 9013 “Effective date of chapter”.

1974—Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, § 406(c), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1296, substituted “Payments for presidential nominating conventions” for “Information on proposed expenses” in item 9008.

### § 9001. Short title

This chapter may be cited as the “Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act”.

(Added Pub. L. 92-178, title VIII, § 801, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 563.)

### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

#### ADOPTION OF GUIDELINES

Pub. L. 90-26, § 5, June 13, 1967, 81 Stat. 58, as amended by Pub. L. 99-514, § 2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095, provided that:

“(a) Funds which become available under the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act of 1966 [section 6096 of this title and sections 971 to 973 of former Title 31, Money and Finance] shall be appropriated and disbursed only after the adoption by law of guidelines governing their distribution. Section 6096 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [formerly I.R.C. 1954] shall become applicable only after the adoption by law of such guidelines.

<sup>1</sup> Section numbers editorially supplied.

“(b) Guidelines adopted in accordance with this section shall state expressly that they are intended to comply with this section.”

#### ADOPTION OF GUIDELINES: COMPLIANCE; EFFECTIVE DATE OF SECTION 6096 AND AMENDMENT OF SECTION 6096(a)

Pub. L. 92-178, title VIII, § 802(b)(2), Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 573, as amended by Pub. L. 99-514, § 2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095, provided that: “The enactment of Subtitle H of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [formerly I.R.C. 1954] by section 801 of this Act [this subtitle] is intended to comply with the provisions of section 5 (relating to the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act of 1966) of the Act entitled ‘An Act to restore the investment credit and allowance of accelerated depreciation in the case of certain real property’, approved June 13, 1967 (Public Law 90-26, 81 Stat. 58) [set out above]. The provisions of section 6096 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 together with the amendments of such section made by subsection (a), shall be applicable only to taxable years ending on or after December 31, 1972.”

### § 9002. Definitions

For purposes of this chapter—

(1) The term “authorized committee” means, with respect to the candidates of a political party for President and Vice President of the United States, any political committee which is authorized in writing by such candidates to incur expenses to further the election of such candidates. Such authorization shall be addressed to the chairman of such political committee, and a copy of such authorization shall be filed by such candidates with the Commission. Any withdrawal of any authorization shall also be in writing and shall be addressed and filed in the same manner as the authorization.

(2) The term “candidate” means, with respect to any presidential election, an individual who (A) has been nominated for election to the office of President of the United States or the office of Vice President of the United States by a major party, or (B) has qualified to have his name on the election ballot (or to have the names of electors pledged to him on the election ballot) as the candidate of a political party for election to either such office in 10 or more States. For purposes of paragraphs (6) and (7) of this section and purposes of section 9004(a)(2), the term “candidate” means, with respect to any preceding presidential election, an individual who received popular votes for the office of President in such election. The term “candidate” shall not include any individual who has ceased actively to seek election to the office of President of the United States or to the office of Vice President of the United States, in more than one State.

(3) The term “Commission” means the Federal Election Commission established by section 306(a)(1) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.

(4) The term “eligible candidates” means the candidates of a political party for President and Vice President of the United States who have met all applicable conditions for eligibility to receive payments under this chapter set forth in section 9003.

(5) The term “fund” means the Presidential Election Campaign Fund established by section 9006(a).

(6) The term “major party” means, with respect to any presidential election, a political party whose candidate for the office of President in the preceding presidential election received, as the candidate of such party, 25 percent or more of the total number of popular votes received by all candidates for such office.

(7) The term “minor party” means, with respect to any presidential election, a political party whose candidate for the office of President in the preceding presidential election received, as the candidate of such party, 5 percent or more but less than 25 percent of the total number of popular votes received by all candidates for such office.

(8) The term “new party” means, with respect to any presidential election, a political party which is neither a major party nor a minor party.

(9) The term “political committee” means any committee, association, or organization (whether or not incorporated) which accepts contributions or makes expenditures for the purpose of influencing, or attempting to influence, the nomination or election of one or more individuals to Federal, State, or local elective public office.

(10) The term “presidential election” means the election of presidential and vice-presidential electors.

(11) The term “qualified campaign expense” means an expense—

(A) incurred (i) by the candidate of a political party for the office of President to further his election to such office or to further the election of the candidate of such political party for the office of Vice President, or both (ii) by the candidate of a political party for the office of Vice President to further his election to such office or to further the election of the candidate of such political party for the office of President, or both, or (iii) by an authorized committee of the candidates of a political party for the offices of President and Vice President to further the election of either or both of such candidates to such offices,

(B) incurred within the expenditure report period (as defined in paragraph (12)), or incurred before the beginning of such period to the extent such expense is for property, services, or facilities used during such period, and

(C) neither the incurring nor payment of which constitutes a violation of any law of the United States or of the State in which such expense is incurred or paid.

An expense shall be considered as incurred by a candidate or an authorized committee if it is incurred by a person authorized by such candidate or such committee, as the case may be, to incur such expense on behalf of such candidate or such committee. If an authorized committee of the candidates of a political party for President and Vice President of the United States also incurs expenses to further the election of one or more other individuals

to Federal, State, or local elective public office, expenses incurred by such committee which are not specifically to further the election of such other individual or individuals shall be considered as incurred to further the election of such candidates for President and Vice President in such proportion as the Commission prescribes by rules or regulations.

(12) The term “expenditure report period” with respect to any presidential election means—

(A) in the case of a major party, the period beginning with the first day of September before the election, or, if earlier, with the date on which such major party at its national convention nominated its candidate for election to the office of President of the United States, and ending 30 days after the date of the presidential election; and

(B) in the case of a party which is not a major party, the same period as the expenditure report period of the major party which has the shortest expenditure report period for such presidential election under subparagraph (A).

(Added Pub. L. 92-178, title VIII, §801, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 563; amended Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, §404(c)(1)-(3), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1292; Pub. L. 94-283, title I, §115(c)(1), title III, §306(a)(1), May 11, 1976, 90 Stat. 495, 499; Pub. L. 110-172, §11(a)(42)(A), Dec. 29, 2007, 121 Stat. 2488.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 306(a)(1) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, referred to in par. (3), is classified to section 30106(a)(1) of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

##### AMENDMENTS

2007—Par. (3). Pub. L. 110-172 substituted “section 306(a)(1)” for “section 309(a)(1)”.

1976—Par. (2). Pub. L. 94-283, §306(a)(1), inserted provision that “candidate” shall not include any individual who has ceased actively to seek election to the office of President of the United States or to the office of Vice President of the United States, in more than one State.

Par. (3). Pub. L. 94-283, §115(c)(1), substituted “309(a)(1)” for “310(a)(1)”.

1974—Par. (1). Pub. L. 93-443, §404(c)(2), substituted “Commission” for “Comptroller General”.

Par. (3). Pub. L. 93-443, §404(c)(1), substituted definition of “Commission” for “Comptroller General”.

Par. (11). Pub. L. 93-443, §404(c)(3), substituted “Commission” for “Comptroller General” in third sentence.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 94-283, title III, §306(c), May 11, 1976, 90 Stat. 501, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 9003, 9032, and 9033 of this title] shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act [May 11, 1976].”

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1974 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-443 applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1974, see section 410(c)(1) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as a note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

#### § 9003. Condition for eligibility for payments

##### (a) In general

In order to be eligible to receive any payments under section 9006, the candidates of a political

party in a presidential election shall, in writing—

(1) agree to obtain and furnish to the Commission such evidence as it may request of the qualified campaign expenses of such candidates,

(2) agree to keep and furnish to the Commission such records, books, and other information as it may request, and

(3) agree to an audit and examination by the Commission under section 9007 and to pay any amounts required to be paid under such section.

**(b) Major parties**

In order to be eligible to receive any payments under section 9006, the candidates of a major party in a presidential election shall certify to the Commission, under penalty of perjury, that—

(1) such candidates and their authorized committees will not incur qualified campaign expenses in excess of the aggregate payments to which they will be entitled under section 9004, and

(2) no contributions to defray qualified campaign expenses have been or will be accepted by such candidates or any of their authorized committees except to the extent necessary to make up any deficiency in payments received out of the fund on account of the application of section 9006(c), and no contributions to defray expenses which would be qualified campaign expenses but for subparagraph (C) of section 9002(11) have been or will be accepted by such candidates or any of their authorized committees.

Such certification shall be made within such time prior to the day of the presidential election as the Commission shall prescribe by rules or regulations.

**(c) Minor and new parties**

In order to be eligible to receive any payments under section 9006, the candidates of a minor or new party in a presidential election shall certify to the Commission, under penalty of perjury, that—

(1) such candidates and their authorized committees will not incur qualified campaign expenses in excess of the aggregate payments to which the eligible candidates of a major party are entitled under section 9004, and

(2) such candidates and their authorized committees will accept and expend or retain contributions to defray qualified campaign expenses only to the extent that the qualified campaign expenses incurred by such candidates and their authorized committees certified to under paragraph (1) exceed the aggregate payments received by such candidates out of the fund pursuant to section 9006.

Such certification shall be made within such time prior to the day of the presidential election as the Commission shall prescribe by rules or regulations.

**(d) Withdrawal by candidate**

In any case in which an individual ceases to be a candidate as a result of the operation of the last sentence of section 9002(2), such individual—

(1) shall no longer be eligible to receive any payments under section 9006, except that such individual shall be eligible to receive payments under such section to defray qualified campaign expenses incurred while actively seeking election to the office of President of the United States or to the office of Vice President of the United States in more than one State; and

(2) shall pay to the Secretary, as soon as practicable after the date upon which such individual ceases to be a candidate, an amount equal to the amount of payments received by such individual under section 9006 which are not used to defray qualified campaign expenses.

**(e) Closed captioning requirement**

No candidate for the office of President or Vice President may receive amounts from the Presidential Election Campaign Fund under this chapter or chapter 96 unless such candidate has certified that any television commercial prepared or distributed by the candidate will be prepared in a manner which ensures that the commercial contains or is accompanied by closed captioning of the oral content of the commercial to be broadcast in line 21 of the vertical blanking interval, or is capable of being viewed by deaf and hearing impaired individuals via any comparable successor technology to line 21 of the vertical blanking interval.

(Added Pub. L. 92-178, title VIII, §801, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 564; amended Pub. L. 93-53, §6(c), July 1, 1973, 87 Stat. 139; Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, §§404(c)(4), (5), 405(b), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1292, 1294; Pub. L. 94-283, title III, §306(a)(2), May 11, 1976, 90 Stat. 500; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834; Pub. L. 102-393, title V, §534(a), Oct. 6, 1992, 106 Stat. 1764; Pub. L. 115-141, div. U, title IV, §401(a)(338), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1200.)

**Editorial Notes**

**AMENDMENTS**

2018—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 115-141 substituted “section 9006(c)” for “section 9006(d)”.

1992—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 102-393 added subsec. (e).

1976—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 94-455 struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary”.

Pub. L. 94-283 added subsec. (d).

1974—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 93-443, §§404(c)(4), 405(b), substituted “Commission” and “it” for “Comptroller General” and “he”, respectively, wherever appearing, struck out in par. (1) “with respect to which payment is sought” after “campaign expenses” and struck out par. (4) requirement for an agreement to furnish statements of qualified campaign expenses and proposed qualified campaign expenses required under section 9008 of this title.

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 93-443, §404(c)(5), substituted “Commission” for “Comptroller General” wherever appearing.

1973—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 93-53 substituted section “9006(d)” for “9006(c)”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1992 AMENDMENT**

Pub. L. 102-393, title V, §534(b), Oct. 6, 1992, 106 Stat. 1764, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply to

amounts made available under chapter 95 or 96 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 more than thirty days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 6, 1992].”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 94-283 effective May 11, 1976, see section 306(c) of Pub. L. 94-283, set out as a note under section 9002 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1974 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-443 applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1974, see section 410(c)(1) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as a note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1973 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-53 applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1972, see section 6(d) of Pub. L. 93-53, set out as a note under section 6096 of this title.

### § 9004. Entitlement of eligible candidates to payments

#### (a) In general

Subject to the provisions of this chapter—

(1) The eligible candidates of each major party in a presidential election shall be entitled to equal payments under section 9006 in an amount which, in the aggregate, shall not exceed the expenditure limitations applicable to such candidates under section 315(b)(1)(B) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.

(2)(A) The eligible candidates of a minor party in a presidential election shall be entitled to payments under section 9006 equal in the aggregate to an amount which bears the same ratio to the amount allowed under paragraph (1) for a major party as the number of popular votes received by the candidate for President of the minor party, as such candidate, in the preceding presidential election bears to the average number of popular votes received by the candidates for President of the major parties in the preceding presidential election.

(B) If the candidate of one or more political parties (not including a major party) for the office of President was a candidate for such office in the preceding presidential election and received 5 percent or more but less than 25 percent of the total number of popular votes received by all candidates for such office, such candidate and his running mate for the office of Vice President, upon compliance with the provisions of section 9003(a) and (c), shall be treated as eligible candidates entitled to payments under section 9006 in an amount computed as provided in subparagraph (A) by taking into account all the popular votes received by such candidate for the office of President in the preceding presidential election. If eligible candidates of a minor party are entitled to payments under this subparagraph, such entitlement shall be reduced by the amount of the entitlement allowed under subparagraph (A).

(3) The eligible candidates of a minor party or a new party in a presidential election whose candidate for President in such election receives, as such candidate, 5 percent or more of the total number of popular votes cast for the office of President in such election shall be en-

titled to payments under section 9006 equal in the aggregate to an amount which bears the same ratio to the amount allowed under paragraph (1) for a major party as the number of popular votes received by such candidate in such election bears to the average number of popular votes received in such election by the candidates for President of the major parties. In the case of eligible candidates entitled to payments under paragraph (2), the amount allowable under this paragraph shall be limited to the amount, if any, by which the entitlement under the preceding sentence exceeds the amount of the entitlement under paragraph (2).

#### (b) Limitations

The aggregate payments to which the eligible candidates of a political party shall be entitled under subsections (a)(2) and (3) with respect to a presidential election shall not exceed an amount equal to the lower of—

(1) the amount of qualified campaign expenses incurred by such eligible candidates and their authorized committees, reduced by the amount of contributions to defray qualified campaign expenses received and expended or retained by such eligible candidates and such committees, or

(2) the aggregate payments to which the eligible candidates of a major party are entitled under subsection (a)(1), reduced by the amount of contributions described in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

#### (c) Restrictions

The eligible candidates of a political party shall be entitled to payments under subsection (a) only—

(1) to defray qualified campaign expenses incurred by such eligible candidates or their authorized committees, or

(2) to repay loans the proceeds of which were used to defray such qualified campaign expenses, or otherwise to restore funds (other than contributions to defray qualified campaign expenses received and expended by such candidates or such committees) used to defray such qualified campaign expenses.

#### (d) Expenditures from personal funds

In order to be eligible to receive any payment under section 9006, the candidate of a major, minor, or new party in an election for the office of President shall certify to the Commission, under penalty of perjury, that such candidate will not knowingly make expenditures from his personal funds, or the personal funds of his immediate family, in connection with his campaign for election to the office of President in excess of, in the aggregate, \$50,000. For purposes of this subsection, expenditures from personal funds made by a candidate of a major, minor, or new party for the office of Vice President shall be considered to be expenditures by the candidate of such party for the office of President.

#### (e) Definition of immediate family

For purposes of subsection (d), the term “immediate family” means a candidate’s spouse, and any child, parent, grandparent, brother, half-brother, sister, or half-sister of the candidate, and the spouses of such persons.

(Added Pub. L. 92-178, title VIII, §801, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 565; amended Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, §404(a), (b), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1291; Pub. L. 94-283, title III, §§301(a), 307(d), May 11, 1976, 90 Stat. 497, 501; Pub. L. 110-172, §11(a)(42)(B), Dec. 29, 2007, 121 Stat. 2488.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 315(b)(1)(B) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, referred to in subsec. (a)(1), is classified to section 30116(b)(1)(B) of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

##### AMENDMENTS

2007—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 110-172 substituted “section 315(b)(1)(B)” for “section 320(b)(1)(B)”.

1976—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 94-283, §307(d), substituted “section 320(b)(1)(B) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971” for “section 608(c)(1)(B) of title 18, United States Code”.

Subsecs. (d), (e). Pub. L. 94-283, §301(a), added subsecs. (d) and (e).

1974—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 93-443, §404(a), substituted provision which limited aggregate amount of payments to eligible candidates to an amount not exceeding the expenditure limitations applicable to such candidates under section 608(c)(1)(B) of title 18 for prior provision which determined the amount by multiplying 15 cents by the total number of residents within the United States who attained the age of 18, determined by the Bureau of the Census, as of the first day of June of the year preceding the year of the presidential election.

Subsec. (a)(2)(A). Pub. L. 93-443, §404(b)(1), substituted “allowed” for “computed”.

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 93-443, §404(b)(2), substituted “allowed” for “computed” in first sentence.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 94-283, title III, §301(b), May 11, 1976, 90 Stat. 498, as amended by Pub. L. 99-514, §2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095, provided that: “For purposes of applying section 9004(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [formerly I.R.C. 1954], as added by subsection (a), expenditures made by an individual after January 29, 1976, and before the date of the enactment of this Act [May 11, 1976] shall not be taken into account.”

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1974 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-443 applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1974, see section 410(c)(1) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as a note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

#### § 9005. Certification by Commission

##### (a) Initial certifications

Not later than 10 days after the candidates of a political party for President and Vice President of the United States have met all applicable conditions for eligibility to receive payments under this chapter set forth in section 9003, the Commission shall certify to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment to such eligible candidates under section 9006 payment in full of amounts to which such candidates are entitled under section 9004.

##### (b) Finality of certifications and determinations

Initial certifications by the Commission under subsection (a), and all determinations made by it under this chapter, shall be final and conclusive, except to the extent that they are subject

to examination and audit by the Commission under section 9007 and judicial review under section 9011.

(Added Pub. L. 92-178, title VIII, §801, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 566; amended Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, §§404(c)(6), (7), 405(a), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1292, 1293; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(C), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-455 substituted “Secretary of the Treasury” for “Secretary”.

1974—Pub. L. 93-443, §404(c)(6), substituted “Commission” for “Comptroller General” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 93-443, §405(a), substituted provision for certification by the Commission not later than 10 days after the candidates of a political party for President and Vice President have met all applicable conditions for eligibility to receive payments under this chapter set forth in section 9003 of this title for prior provision for certification by the Comptroller General on the basis of the evidence, books, records, and information furnished by the eligible candidates of a political party and prior to examination and audit under section 9007 of this title.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 93-443, §404(c)(7), substituted “Commission” for “Comptroller General” wherever appearing and “it” for “him”.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1974 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-443 applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1974, see section 410(c)(1) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as a note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

#### § 9006. Payments to eligible candidates

##### (a) Establishment of campaign fund

There is hereby established on the books of the Treasury of the United States a special fund to be known as the “Presidential Election Campaign Fund”. The Secretary of the Treasury shall, from time to time, transfer to the fund an amount not in excess of the sum of the amounts designated (subsequent to the previous Presidential election) to the fund by individuals under section 6096. There is appropriated to the fund for each fiscal year, out of amounts in the general fund of the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, an amount equal to the amounts so designated during each fiscal year, which shall remain available to the fund without fiscal year limitation.

##### (b) Payments from the fund

Upon receipt of a certification from the Commission under section 9005 for payment to the eligible candidates of a political party, the Secretary of the Treasury shall pay to such candidates out of the fund the amount certified by the Commission. Amounts paid to any such candidates shall be under the control of such candidates.

##### (c) Insufficient amounts in fund

If at the time of a certification by the Commission under section 9005 for payment to the eligible candidates of a political party, the Secretary determines that the moneys in the fund are not, or may not be, sufficient to satisfy the

full entitlements of the eligible candidates of all political parties, he shall withhold from such payment such amount as he determines to be necessary to assure that the eligible candidates of each political party will receive their pro rata share of their full entitlement. Amounts withheld by reason of the preceding sentence shall be paid when the Secretary determines that there are sufficient moneys in the fund to pay such amounts, or portions thereof, to all eligible candidates from whom amounts have been withheld, but, if there are not sufficient moneys in the fund to satisfy the full entitlement of the eligible candidates of all political parties, the amounts so withheld shall be paid in such manner that the eligible candidates of each political party receive their pro rata share of their full entitlement. In any case in which the Secretary determines that there are insufficient moneys in the fund to make payments under subsection (b), section 9008(i)(2), and section 9037(b), moneys shall not be made available from any other source for the purpose of making such payments.

(Added Pub. L. 92-178, title VIII, §801, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 567; amended Pub. L. 93-53, §6(b), July 1, 1973, 87 Stat. 138; Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, §§403(a), 404(c)(8), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1291, 1292; Pub. L. 94-283, title III, §302, May 11, 1976, 90 Stat. 498; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §§1906(b)(13)(A), (B), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834; Pub. L. 110-172, §11(a)(43), Dec. 29, 2007, 121 Stat. 2488; Pub. L. 113-94, §2(b)(1), Apr. 3, 2014, 128 Stat. 1085.)

### Editorial Notes

#### AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 113-94 substituted “section 9008(i)(2),” for “section 9008(b)(3).”

2007—Pub. L. 110-172, which directed substitution of “Commission” for “Comptroller General” wherever appearing, could not be executed, because “Comptroller General” did not appear subsequent to amendment by Pub. L. 93-443, §404(c)(8). See 1974 Amendment note below.

1976—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 94-455 substituted “Secretary of the Treasury” for “Secretary”.

Pub. L. 94-283, §302(a), redesignated subsec. (c) as (b). Former subsec. (b), directing that moneys remaining in the fund after a Presidential election be transferred to the general fund of the Treasury, was struck out.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 94-455, §1906(b)(13)(A), struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary”.

Pub. L. 94-283, §302(a), (b), redesignated subsec. (d) as (c) and inserted provision that moneys not be made available from other sources for the purpose of making payments whenever the Secretary or his delegate determines that there are insufficient moneys in the fund to make payments under subsec. (b), section 9008(b)(3), and section 9037(b). Former subsec. (c) redesignated (b).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 94-283, §302(a), redesignated subsec. (d) as (c).

1974—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 93-443, §403(a), substituted “from time to time” for “as provided by Appropriation Acts” and appropriated moneys for the Campaign Fund for each fiscal year out of the general fund of the Treasury.

Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 93-443, §404(c)(8), substituted “Commission” for “Comptroller General” wherever appearing.

1973—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 93-53 struck out second sentence requiring the Secretary to maintain in the fund (1) a separate account for the candidates of each major party, each minor party, and each new party for which

a specific designation is made under section 6096 for payment into an account in the fund and (2) a general account for which no specific designation is made, and in the last sentences, substituted “transfer to the fund”, “Presidential”, and “to the fund by individuals under section 6096”, for “transfer to each account in the fund”, “presidential”, and “to such account by individuals under section 6096 for payment into such account of the fund”, respectively.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 93-53 substituted “Presidential” for “presidential”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 93-53 substituted provisions for payment “out of the fund”, for such payment “out of the specific account in the fund” and struck out penultimate sentence limiting payments to eligible candidates from the account designated for them to the amounts in such account at the time of payment.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 93-53 substituted provisions for payments to eligible candidates when there are insufficient amounts in the fund, for former provisions respecting transfers from general account to separate accounts to remedy insufficient moneys to satisfy any unpaid entitlement of the eligible candidates.

### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1974 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-443 applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1974, see section 410(c)(1) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as a note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

#### ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO CAMPAIGN FUND

Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, §403(b), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1291, as amended by Pub. L. 99-514, §2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095, provided that: “In addition to the amounts appropriated to the Presidential Election Campaign Fund established under section 9006 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [formerly I.R.C. 1954] (relating to payments to eligible candidates) by the last sentence of subsection (a) of such section (as amended by subsection (a) of this section), there is appropriated to such fund an amount equal to the sum of the amounts designated for payment under section 6096 of such Code (relating to designation by individuals to the Presidential Election Campaign Fund) before January 1, 1975, not otherwise taken into account under the provisions of such section 9006, as amended by this section.”

[Provision effective Jan. 1, 1975, see section 410(a) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as a note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.]

#### DESIGNATION TO THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND

Designation made under section 6096 of this title (as in effect for taxable years beginning before Jan. 1, 1973) for the account of the candidates of any specified political party treated solely as a designation to the Presidential Election Campaign Fund, see section 6(d) of Pub. L. 93-53, set out as a note under section 6096 of this title.

### § 9007. Examinations and audits; repayments

#### (a) Examinations and audits

After each presidential election, the Commission shall conduct a thorough examination and audit of the qualified campaign expenses of the candidates of each political party for President and Vice President.

#### (b) Repayments

(1) If the Commission determines that any portion of the payments made to the eligible candidates of a political party under section 9006 was in excess of the aggregate payments to which candidates were entitled under section 9004, it shall so notify such candidates, and such

candidates shall pay to the Secretary of the Treasury an amount equal to such portion.

(2) If the Commission determines that the eligible candidates of a political party and their authorized committees incurred qualified campaign expenses in excess of the aggregate payments to which the eligible candidates of a major party were entitled under section 9004, it shall notify such candidates of the amount of such excess and such candidates shall pay to the Secretary of the Treasury an amount equal to such amount.

(3) If the Commission determines that the eligible candidates of a major party or any authorized committee of such candidates accepted contributions (other than contributions to make up deficiencies in payments out of the fund on account of the application of section 9006(c)) to defray qualified campaign expenses (other than qualified campaign expenses with respect to which payment is required under paragraph (2)), it shall notify such candidates of the amount of the contributions so accepted, and such candidates shall pay to the Secretary of the Treasury an amount equal to such amount.

(4) If the Commission determines that any amount of any payment made to the eligible candidates of a political party under section 9006 was used for any purpose other than—

(A) to defray the qualified campaign expenses with respect to which such payment was made, or

(B) to repay loans the proceeds of which were used, or otherwise to restore funds (other than contributions to defray qualified campaign expenses which were received and expended) which were used to defray such qualified campaign expenses,

it shall notify such candidates of the amount so used, and such candidates shall pay to the Secretary of the Treasury an amount equal to such amount.

(5) No payment shall be required from the eligible candidates of a political party under this subsection to the extent that such payment, when added to other payments required from such candidates under this subsection, exceeds the amount of payments received by such candidates under section 9006.

#### (c) Notification

No notification shall be made by the Commission under subsection (b) with respect to a presidential election more than 3 years after the day of such election.

#### (d) Deposit of payments

All payments received by the Secretary of the Treasury under subsection (b) shall be deposited by him in the general fund of the Treasury.

(Added Pub. L. 92-178, title VIII, §801, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 568; amended Pub. L. 93-53, §6(c), July 1, 1973, 87 Stat. 139; Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, §404(c)(9)-(11), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1292; Pub. L. 94-283, title III, §307(e), May 11, 1976, 90 Stat. 502; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(B), (C), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834.)

### Editorial Notes

#### AMENDMENTS

1976—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-455 substituted “Secretary of the Treasury” for “Secretary”.

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 94-283 substituted “9006(c)” for “9006(d)”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 94-455 substituted “Secretary of the Treasury” for “Secretary”.

1974—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 93-443, §404(c)(9), substituted “Commission” for “Comptroller General”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 93-443, §404(c)(10), substituted “Commission” and “it” for “Comptroller General” and “he”, respectively, wherever appearing.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 93-443, §404(c)(11), substituted “Commission” for “Comptroller General”.

1973—Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 93-53 substituted section “9006(d)” for “9006(c)”.

### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1974 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-443 applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1974, see section 410(c)(1) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as a note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1973 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-53 applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1972, see section 6(d) of Pub. L. 93-53, set out as a note under section 6096 of this title.

### § 9008. Payments for presidential nominating conventions

#### (a) Establishment of accounts

The Secretary shall maintain in the fund, in addition to any account which he maintains under section 9006(a), a separate account for the national committee of each major party and minor party. The Secretary shall deposit in each such account an amount equal to the amount which each such committee may receive under subsection (b). Such deposits shall be drawn from amounts designated by individuals under section 6096 and shall be made before any transfer is made to any account for any eligible candidate under section 9006(a).

#### (b) Entitlement to payments from the fund

##### (1) Major parties

Subject to the provisions of this section, the national committee of a major party shall be entitled to payments under paragraph (3), with respect to any presidential nominating convention, in amounts which, in the aggregate, shall not exceed \$4,000,000.

##### (2) Minor parties

Subject to the provisions of this section, the national committee of a minor party shall be entitled to payments under paragraph (3), with respect to any presidential nominating convention, in amounts which, in the aggregate, shall not exceed an amount which bears the same ratio to the amount the national committee of a major party is entitled to receive under paragraph (1) as the number of popular votes received by the candidate for President of the minor party, as such candidate, in the preceding presidential election bears to the average number of popular votes received by the candidates for President of the United States of the major parties in the preceding presidential election.

##### (3) Payments

Upon receipt of certification from the Commission under subsection (g), the Secretary

shall make payments from the appropriate account maintained under subsection (a) to the national committee of a major party or minor party which elects to receive its entitlement under this subsection. Such payments shall be available for use by such committee in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c).

**(4) Limitation**

Payments to the national committee of a major party or minor party under this subsection, from the account designated for such committee shall be limited to the amounts in such account at the time of payment.

**(5) Adjustment of entitlements**

The entitlements established by this subsection shall be adjusted in the same manner as expenditure limitations established by section 315(b) and section 315(d) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 are adjusted pursuant to the provisions of section 315(c) of such Act.

**(c) Use of funds**

No part of any payment made under subsection (b) shall be used to defray the expenses of any candidate or delegate who is participating in any presidential nominating convention. Such payments shall be used only—

(1) to defray expenses incurred with respect to a presidential nominating convention (including the payment of deposits) by or on behalf of the national committee receiving such payments; or

(2) to repay loans the proceeds of which were used to defray such expenses, or otherwise to restore funds (other than contributions to defray such expenses received by such committee) used to defray such expenses.

**(d) Limitation of expenditures**

**(1) Major parties**

Except as provided by paragraph (3), the national committee of a major party may not make expenditures with respect to a presidential nominating convention which, in the aggregate, exceed the amount of payments to which such committee is entitled under subsection (b)(1).

**(2) Minor parties**

Except as provided by paragraph (3), the national committee of a minor party may not make expenditures with respect to a presidential nominating convention which, in the aggregate, exceed the amount of the entitlement of the national committee of a major party under subsection (b)(1).

**(3) Exception**

The Commission may authorize the national committee of a major party or minor party to make expenditures which, in the aggregate, exceed the limitation established by paragraph (1) or paragraph (2) of this subsection. Such authorization shall be based upon a determination by the Commission that, due to extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances, such expenditures are necessary to assure the effective operation of the presidential nominating convention by such committee.

**(4) Provision of legal or accounting services**

For purposes of this section, the payment, by any person other than the national committee of a political party (unless the person paying for such services is a person other than the regular employer of the individual rendering such services) of compensation to any individual for legal or accounting services rendered to or on behalf of the national committee of a political party shall not be treated as an expenditure made by or on behalf of such committee with respect to its limitations on presidential nominating convention expenses.

**(e) Availability of payments**

The national committee of a major party or minor party may receive payments under subsection (b)(3) beginning on July 1 of the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which a presidential nominating convention of the political party involved is held.

**(f) Transfer to the fund**

If, after the close of a presidential nominating convention and after the national committee of the political party involved has been paid the amount which it is entitled to receive under this section, there are moneys remaining in the account of such national committee, the Secretary shall transfer the moneys so remaining to the fund.

**(g) Certification by Commission**

Any major party or minor party may file a statement with the Commission in such form and manner and at such times as it may require, designating the national committee of such party. Such statement shall include the information required by section 303(b) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, together with such additional information as the Commission may require. Upon receipt of a statement filed under the preceding sentences, the Commission promptly shall verify such statement according to such procedures and criteria as it may establish and shall certify to the Secretary for payment in full to any such committee of amounts to which such committee may be entitled under subsection (b). Such certifications shall be subject to an examination and audit which the Commission shall conduct no later than December 31, of the calendar year in which the presidential nominating convention involved is held.

**(h) Repayments**

The Commission shall have the same authority to require repayments from the national committee of a major party or a minor party as it has with respect to repayments from any eligible candidate under section 9007(b). The provisions of section 9007(c) and section 9007(d) shall apply with respect to any repayment required by the Commission under this subsection.

**(i) Termination of payments for conventions; use of amounts for pediatric research initiative**

Effective on the date of the enactment of the Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act—

(1) the entitlement of any major party or minor party to a payment under this section shall terminate; and

(2) all amounts in each account maintained for the national committee of a major party or



minor party under this section shall be transferred to a fund in the Treasury to be known as the “10-Year Pediatric Research Initiative Fund”, which shall be available only for the purpose provided in section 402A(a)(2) of the Public Health Service Act, and only to the extent and in such amounts as are provided in advance in appropriation Acts.

(Added Pub. L. 92-178, title VIII, §801, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 569; amended Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, §406(a), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1294; Pub. L. 94-283, title III, §§303, 307(a), May 11, 1976, 90 Stat. 498, 501; Pub. L. 96-187, title II, §202, Jan. 8, 1980, 93 Stat. 1368; Pub. L. 98-355, §1(a), (b), July 11, 1984, 98 Stat. 394; Pub. L. 113-94, §2(a), Apr. 3, 2014, 128 Stat. 1085.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Sections 303 and 315 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, referred to in subsecs. (b)(5) and (g), are classified to sections 30103 and 30116, respectively, of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

The date of the enactment of the Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act, referred to in subsec. (i), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 113-94, which was approved Apr. 3, 2014.

Section 402A(a)(2) of the Public Health Service Act, referred to in subsec. (i)(2), is classified to section 282a(a)(2) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

##### AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 113-94 added subsec. (i).  
1984—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 98-355, §1(a), substituted “\$4,000,000” for “\$3,000,000”.

Subsec. (b)(5). Pub. L. 98-355, §1(b), substituted “section 315(b) and section 315(d)” for “section 320(b) and section 320(d)” and “section 315(c)” for “section 320(c)”.

1980—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 96-187 substituted “\$3,000,000” for “\$2,000,000”.

1976—Subsec. (b)(5). Pub. L. 94-283, §307(a), substituted “section 320(b) and section 320(d) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 are adjusted pursuant to the provisions of section 320(c) of such Act” for “section 608(c) and section 608(f) of title 18, United States Code, are adjusted pursuant to the provisions of section 608(d) of such title”.

Subsec. (d)(4). Pub. L. 94-283, §303, added par. (4).  
1974—Pub. L. 93-443 substituted provisions respecting payments for presidential nominating conventions for prior provisions respecting information on proposed expenses, subsec. (a) relating to reports by candidates, and subsec. (b) to publication of summaries.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 98-355, §1(c), July 11, 1984, 98 Stat. 394, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall take effect on January 1, 1984.”

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-187 effective Jan. 8, 1980, see section 301(a) of Pub. L. 96-187, set out as a note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1974 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-443 applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1974, see section 410(c)(1) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as a note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

### § 9009. Reports to Congress; regulations

#### (a) Reports

The Commission shall, as soon as practicable after each presidential election, submit a full re-

port to the Senate and House of Representatives setting forth—

(1) the qualified campaign expenses (shown in such detail as the Commission determines necessary) incurred by the candidates of each political party and their authorized committees;

(2) the amounts certified by it under section 9005 for payment to the eligible candidates of each political party; and

(3) the amount of payments, if any, required from such candidates under section 9007, and the reasons for each payment required.

Each report submitted pursuant to this section shall be printed as a Senate document.

#### (b) Regulations, etc.

The Commission is authorized to prescribe such rules and regulations in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c), to conduct such examinations and audits (in addition to the examinations and audits required by section 9007(a)), to conduct such investigations, and to require the keeping and submission of such books, records, and information, as it deems necessary to carry out the functions and duties imposed on it by this chapter.

#### (c) Review of regulations

(1) The Commission, before prescribing any rule or regulation under subsection (b), shall transmit a statement with respect to such rule or regulation to the Senate and to the House of Representatives, in accordance with the provisions of this subsection. Such statement shall set forth the proposed rule or regulation and shall contain a detailed explanation and justification of such rule or regulation.

(2) If either such House does not, through appropriate action, disapprove the proposed rule or regulation set forth in such statement no later than 30 legislative days after receipt of such statement, then the Commission may prescribe such rule or regulation. Whenever a committee of the House of Representatives reports any resolution relating to any such rule or regulation, it is at any time thereafter in order (even though a previous motion to the same effect has been disagreed to) to move to proceed to the consideration of the resolution. The motion is highly privileged and is not debatable. An amendment to the motion is not in order, and it is not in order to move to reconsider the vote by which the motion is agreed to or disagreed to. The Commission may not prescribe any rule or regulation which is disapproved by either such House under this paragraph.

(3) For purposes of this subsection, the term “legislative days” does not include any calendar day on which both Houses of the Congress are not in session.

(4) For purposes of this subsection, the term “rule or regulation” means a provision or series of interrelated provisions stating a single separable rule of law.

(Added Pub. L. 92-178, title VIII, §801, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 569; amended Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, §§404(c)(12), (13), 406(b)(1), 409, Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1292, 1293, 1296, 1303; Pub. L. 94-283, title III, §304(a), May 11, 1976, 90 Stat. 498; Pub. L. 113-94, §2(c)(1), Apr. 3, 2014, 128 Stat. 1085.)

**Editorial Notes****AMENDMENTS**

2014—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 113-94, §2(c)(1)(A), inserted “and” at end.

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 113-94, §2(c)(1)(B), which directed substitution of period for semicolon at end, was executed by substituting period for “; and” at end, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Subsec. (a)(4) to (6). Pub. L. 113-94, §2(c)(1)(C), struck out pars. (4) to (6) which read as follows:

“(4) the expenses incurred by the national committee of a major party or minor party with respect to a presidential nominating convention;

“(5) the amounts certified by it under section 9008(g) for payment to each such committee; and

“(6) the amount of payments, if any, required from such committees under section 9008(h), and the reasons for each such payment.”

1976—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 94-283, §304(a)(1), inserted provision for accelerated consideration by the House of Representatives of resolutions relating to rules or regulations reported out by committees of the House.

Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 94-283, §304(a)(2), added par. (4).

1974—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 93-443, §§404(c)(12), 406(b)(1), substituted “Commission” for “Comptroller General” wherever appearing and “it” for “him” and added pars. (4) to (6).

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 93-443, §§404(c)(13), 409(b), substituted “Commission”, “it” and “it” for “Comptroller General”, “he” and “him”, respectively, and inserted “in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c)” after “regulations”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 93-443, §409(a), added subsec. (c).

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1974 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-443 applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1974, see section 410(c)(1) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as a note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

**TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

For termination, effective May 15, 2000, of reporting provisions in subsec. (a) of this section, see section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and page 168 of House Document No. 103-7.

**§ 9010. Participation by Commission in judicial proceedings****(a) Appearance by counsel**

The Commission is authorized to appear in and defend against any action filed under section 9011, either by attorneys employed in its office or by counsel whom it may appoint without regard to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service, and whose compensation it may fix without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title.

**(b) Recovery of certain payments**

The Commission is authorized through attorneys and counsel described in subsection (a) to appear in the district courts of the United States to seek recovery of any amounts determined to be payable to the Secretary of the Treasury as a result of examination and audit made pursuant to section 9007.

**(c) Declaratory and injunctive relief**

The Commission is authorized through attorneys and counsel described in subsection (a) to petition the courts of the United States for de-

claratory or injunctive relief concerning any civil matter covered by the provisions of this subtitle or section 6096. Upon application of the Commission an action brought pursuant to this subsection shall be heard and determined by a court of three judges in accordance with the provisions of section 2284 of title 28, United States Code, and any appeal shall lie to the Supreme Court.

**(d) Appeal**

The Commission is authorized on behalf of the United States to appeal from, and to petition the Supreme Court for certiorari to review, judgments or decrees entered with respect to actions in which it appears pursuant to the authority provided in this section.

(Added Pub. L. 92-178, title VIII, §801, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 569; amended Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, §404(c)(14)-(18), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1293; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(C), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834; Pub. L. 98-620, title IV, §402(28)(E), Nov. 8, 1984, 98 Stat. 3359.)

**Editorial Notes****AMENDMENTS**

1984—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 98-620 struck out provision requiring the judges designated to hear the case to assign the case for hearing at the earliest practicable date, to participate in the hearing and determination thereof, and to cause the case to be in every way expedited.

1976—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-455 substituted “to the Secretary of the Treasury” for “to the Secretary”.

1974—Pub. L. 93-443, §404(c)(14), substituted “Commission” for “Comptroller General” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 93-443, §404(c)(15), substituted “Commission” for “Comptroller General”, “its” for “his”, and “it” for “he” wherever appearing.

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 93-443, §404(c)(16), (17), substituted “Commission” for “Comptroller General” wherever appearing.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 93-443, §404(c)(18), substituted “Commission” and “it” for “Comptroller General” and “he”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-620 not applicable to cases pending on Nov. 8, 1984, see section 403 of Pub. L. 98-620, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1657 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1974 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-443 applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1974, see section 410(c)(1) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as a note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

**§ 9011. Judicial review****(a) Review of certification, determination, or other action by the Commission**

Any certification, determination, or other action by the Commission made or taken pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to review by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia upon petition filed in such Court by any interested person. Any petition filed pursuant to this section shall be filed within thirty days after the certification, determination, or other action by the Commission for which review is sought.

**(b) Suits to implement chapter**

(1) The Commission, the national committee of any political party, and individuals eligible to vote for President are authorized to institute such actions, including actions for declaratory judgment or injunctive relief, as may be appropriate to implement or construe any provision of this chapter.

(2) The district courts of the United States shall have jurisdiction of proceedings instituted pursuant to this subsection and shall exercise the same without regard to whether a person asserting rights under provisions of this subsection shall have exhausted any administrative or other remedies that may be provided at law. Such proceedings shall be heard and determined by a court of three judges in accordance with the provisions of section 2284 of title 28, United States Code, and any appeal shall lie to the Supreme Court.

(Added Pub. L. 92-178, title VIII, §801, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 570; amended Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, §404(c)(19)–(21), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1293; Pub. L. 98-620, title IV, §402(28)(F), Nov. 8, 1984, 98 Stat. 3359; Pub. L. 115-141, div. U, title IV, §401(a)(339), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1200.)

**Editorial Notes****AMENDMENTS**

2018—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 115-141 substituted “construe” for “contrue”.

1984—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 98-620 struck out provision requiring the judges designated to hear the case to assign the case for hearing at the earliest practicable date, to participate in the hearing and determination thereof, and to cause the case to be in every way expedited.

1974—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 93-443, §404(c)(19), (20), substituted “Commission” for “Comptroller General” in heading and wherever appearing in text.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 93-443, §404(c)(21), substituted “Commission” for “Comptroller General”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-620 not applicable to cases pending on Nov. 8, 1984, see section 403 of Pub. L. 98-620, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1657 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1974 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-443 applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1974, see section 410(c)(1) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as a note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

**§ 9012. Criminal penalties****(a) Excess expenses**

(1) It shall be unlawful for an eligible candidate of a political party for President and Vice President in a presidential election or any of his authorized committees knowingly and willfully to incur qualified campaign expenses in excess of the aggregate payments to which the eligible candidates of a major party are entitled under section 9004 with respect to such election.

(2) Any person who violates paragraph (1) shall be fined not more than \$5,000, or imprisoned not more than one year or both. In the case of a violation by an authorized committee, any officer

or member of such committee who knowingly and willfully consents to such violation shall be fined not more than \$5,000, or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

**(b) Contributions**

(1) It shall be unlawful for an eligible candidate of a major party in a presidential election or any of his authorized committees knowingly and willfully to accept any contribution to defray qualified campaign expenses, except to the extent necessary to make up any deficiency in payments received out of the fund on account of the application of section 9006(c), or to defray expenses which would be qualified campaign expenses but for subparagraph (C) of section 9002(11).

(2) It shall be unlawful for an eligible candidate of a political party (other than a major party) in a presidential election or any of his authorized committees knowingly and willfully to accept and expend or retain contributions to defray qualified campaign expenses in an amount which exceeds the qualified campaign expenses incurred with respect to such election by such eligible candidate and his authorized committees.

(3) Any person who violates paragraph (1) or (2) shall be fined not more than \$5,000, or imprisoned not more than one year, or both. In the case of a violation by an authorized committee, any officer or member of such committee who knowingly and willfully consents to such violation shall be fined not more than \$5,000, or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

**(c) Unlawful use of payments**

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person who receives any payment under section 9006, or to whom any portion of any payment received under such section is transferred, knowingly and willfully to use, or authorize the use of, such payment or such portion for any purpose other than—

(A) to defray the qualified campaign expenses with respect to which such payment was made, or

(B) to repay loans the proceeds of which were used, or otherwise to restore funds (other than contributions to defray qualified campaign expenses which were received and expended) which were used, to defray such qualified campaign expenses.

(2) Any person who violates paragraph (1) shall be fined not more than \$10,000, or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

**(d) False statements, etc.**

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly and willfully—

(A) to furnish any false, fictitious, or fraudulent evidence, books, or information to the Commission under this subtitle, or to include in any evidence, books, or information so furnished any misrepresentation of a material fact, or to falsify or conceal any evidence, books, or information relevant to a certification by the Commission or an examination and audit by the Commission under this chapter; or

(B) to fail to furnish to the Commission any records, books, or information requested by it for purposes of this chapter.

(2) Any person who violates paragraph (1) shall be fined not more than \$10,000, or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

**(e) Kickbacks and illegal payments**

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly and willfully to give or accept any kickback or any illegal payment in connection with any qualified campaign expense of eligible candidates or their authorized committees.

(2) Any person who violates paragraph (1) shall be fined not more than \$10,000, or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

(3) In addition to the penalty provided by paragraph (2), any person who accepts any kickback or illegal payment in connection with any qualified campaign expense of eligible candidates or their authorized committees shall pay to the Secretary of the Treasury, for deposit in the general fund of the Treasury, an amount equal to 125 percent of the kickback or payment received.

**(f) Unauthorized expenditures and contributions**

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), it shall be unlawful for any political committee which is not an authorized committee with respect to the eligible candidates of a political party for President and Vice President in a presidential election knowingly and willfully to incur expenditures to further the election of such candidates, which would constitute qualified campaign expenses if incurred by an authorized committee of such candidates, in an aggregate amount exceeding \$1,000.

(2) This subsection shall not apply to (A) expenditures by a broadcaster regulated by the Federal Communications Commission, or by a periodical publication, in reporting the news or in taking editorial positions, or (B) expenditures by any organization described in section 501(c) which is exempt from tax under section 501(a) in communicating to its members the views of that organization.

(3) Any political committee which violates paragraph (1) shall be fined not more than \$5,000, and any officer or member of such committee who knowingly and willfully consents to such violation and any other individual who knowingly and willfully violates paragraph (1) shall be fined not more than \$5,000, or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

**(g) Unauthorized disclosure of information**

(1) It shall be unlawful for any individual to disclose any information obtained under the provisions of this chapter except as may be required by law.

(2) Any person who violates paragraph (1) shall be fined not more than \$5,000, or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

(Added Pub. L. 92-178, title VIII, §801, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 570; amended Pub. L. 93-53, §6(c), July 1, 1973, 87 Stat. 139; Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, §§404(c)(22), 406(b)(2)-(6), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1293, 1296; Pub. L. 94-283, title III, §307(f), May 11, 1976, 90 Stat. 502; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(C), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834; Pub. L. 113-94, §2(c)(2), Apr. 3, 2014, 128 Stat. 1086.)

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**CONSTITUTIONALITY**

For information regarding the constitutionality of certain provisions of this section, as added by section 801 of Pub. L. 92-178, see the Table of Laws Held Unconstitutional in Whole or in Part by the Supreme Court on the Constitution Annotated website, [constitution.congress.gov](http://constitution.congress.gov).

**AMENDMENTS**

2014—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 113-94, §2(c)(2)(A), struck out at end “It shall be unlawful for the national committee of a major party or minor party knowingly and willfully to incur expenses with respect to a presidential nominating convention in excess of the expenditure limitation applicable with respect to such committee under section 9008(d), unless the incurring of such expenses is authorized by the Commission under section 9008(d)(3).”

Subsec. (c)(2), (3). Pub. L. 113-94, §2(c)(2)(B), redesignated par. (3) as (2) and struck out former par. (2) which read as follows: “It shall be unlawful for the national committee of a major party or minor party which receives any payment under section 9008(b)(3) to use, or authorize the use of, such payment for any purpose other than a purpose authorized by section 9008(c).”

Subsec. (e)(1). Pub. L. 113-94, §2(c)(2)(C), struck out at end “It shall be unlawful for the national committee of a major party or minor party knowingly and willfully to give or accept any kickback or any illegal payment in connection with any expense incurred by such committee with respect to a presidential nominating convention.”

Subsec. (e)(3). Pub. L. 113-94, §2(c)(2)(D), struck out “, or in connection with any expense incurred by the national committee of a major party or minor party with respect to a presidential nominating convention” after “authorized committees”.

1976—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 94-283 substituted “9006(c)” for “9006(d)”.

Subsec. (e)(3). Pub. L. 94-455 substituted “Secretary of the Treasury” for “Secretary”.

1974—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 93-443, §406(b)(2), (3), struck out “campaign” before “expenses” in heading and inserted in par. (1) provision making it unlawful for a national committee of a major or minor party knowingly and willfully to incur expenses with respect to a presidential nominating convention in excess of applicable expenditure limitation unless authorized by the Commission.

Subsec. (c)(2), (3). Pub. L. 93-443, §406(b)(4), added par. (2) and redesignated former par. (2) as (3).

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 93-443, §404(c)(22), substituted “Commission” for “Comptroller General” wherever appearing and “it” for “him”.

Subsec. (e)(1). Pub. L. 93-443, §406(b)(6), inserted provision making it unlawful for a national committee of a major or minor party knowingly and willfully to give or accept any kickback or any illegal payment in connection with any expense of such committee with respect to a presidential nominating convention.

Subsec. (e)(3). Pub. L. 93-443, §406(b)(6), inserted requirement of payment, by any person accepting any kickback or illegal payment in connection with any expense incurred by the national committee of a major or minor party with respect to a presidential nominating convention, to the Secretary for deposit in the general fund of the Treasury.

1973—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 93-53 substituted section “9006(d)” for “9006(c)”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1974 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-443 applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1974, see section 410(c)(1) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as a note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1973 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-53 applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1972, see section 6(d) of Pub. L. 93-53, set out as a note under section 6096 of this title.

**[§ 9013. Repealed. Pub. L. 115-141, div. U, title IV, § 401(d)(8), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1212]**

Section, added Pub. L. 92-178, title VIII, § 801, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 572, provided that this chapter would take effect on Jan. 1, 1973.

A prior section 9021, added by Pub. L. 92-178, title VIII, § 801, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 572, established Presidential Election Campaign Fund Advisory Board, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, § 408(c), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1297. For effective date of repeal see section 410(c)(1) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as an Effective Date of 1974 Amendment note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## SAVINGS PROVISION

For provisions that nothing in repeal by Pub. L. 115-141 be construed to affect treatment of certain transactions occurring, property acquired, or items of income, loss, deduction, or credit taken into account prior to Mar. 23, 2018, for purposes of determining liability for tax for periods ending after Mar. 23, 2018, see section 401(e) of Pub. L. 115-141, set out as a note under section 23 of this title.

**CHAPTER 96—PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY MATCHING PAYMENT ACCOUNT**

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## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior chapter 96, relating to the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Advisory Board, consisted of section 9021, added by Pub. L. 92-178, title VIII, § 801, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 572, providing for the establishment and composition of the Advisory Board and the compensation and status of members, and was repealed by Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, § 408(c), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1297. Section 410(c)(1) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as an Effective Date of 1974 Amendment note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections, provided that the amendments made by section 408(c) shall apply with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1974.

## AMENDMENTS

1976—Pub. L. 94-283, title III, § 305(b), May 11, 1976, 90 Stat. 499, substituted “limitations” for “limitation” in item 9035.

**§ 9031. Short title**

This chapter may be cited as the “Presidential Primary Matching Payment Account Act”.

(Added Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, § 408(c), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1297.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1974, see section 410(c)(1) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as an Effective Date of 1974 Amendment note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

**§ 9032. Definitions**

For purposes of this chapter—

(1) The term “authorized committee” means, with respect to the candidates of a political party for President and Vice President of the United States, any political committee which is authorized in writing by such candidates to incur expenses to further the election of such candidates. Such authorization shall be addressed to the chairman of such political committee, and a copy of such authorization shall be filed by such candidates with the Commission. Any withdrawal of any authorization shall also be in writing and shall be addressed and filed in the same manner as the authorization.

(2) The term “candidate” means an individual who seeks nomination for election to be President of the United States. For purposes of this paragraph, an individual shall be considered to seek nomination for election if he (A) takes the action necessary under the law of a State to qualify himself for nomination for election, (B) receives contributions or incurs qualified campaign expenses, or (C) gives his consent for any other person to receive contributions or to incur qualified campaign expenses on his behalf. The term “candidate” shall not include any individual who is not actively conducting campaigns in more than one State in connection with seeking nomination for election to be President of the United States.

(3) The term “Commission” means the Federal Election Commission established by section 306(a)(1) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.

(4) Except as provided by section 9034(a), the term “contribution”—

(A) means a gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money, or anything of value, the payment of which was made on or after the beginning of the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year of the presidential election with respect to which such gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money, or anything of value, is made, for the purpose of influencing the result of a primary election,

(B) means a contract, promise, or agreement, whether or not legally enforceable, to make a contribution for any such purpose,

(C) means funds received by a political committee which are transferred to that committee from another committee, and

(D) means the payment by any person other than a candidate, or his authorized committee, of compensation for the personal services of another person which are ren-

dered to the candidate or committee without charge, but

(E) does not include—

(i) except as provided in subparagraph (D), the value of personal services rendered to or for the benefit of a candidate by an individual who receives no compensation for rendering such service to or for the benefit of the candidate, or

(ii) payments under section 9037.

(5) The term “matching payment account” means the Presidential Primary Matching Payment Account established under section 9037(a).

(6) The term “matching payment period” means the period beginning with the beginning of the calendar year in which a general election for the office of President of the United States will be held and ending on the date on which the national convention of the party whose nomination a candidate seeks nominates its candidate for the office of President of the United States, or, in the case of a party which does not make such nomination by national convention, ending on the earlier of (A) the date such party nominates its candidate for the office of President of the United States, or (B) the last day of the last national convention held by a major party during such calendar year.

(7) The term “primary election” means an election, including a runoff election or a nominating convention or caucus held by a political party, for the selection of delegates to a national nominating convention of a political party, or for the expression of a preference for the nomination of persons for election to the office of President of the United States.

(8) The term “political committee” means any individual, committee, association, or organization (whether or not incorporated) which accepts contributions or incurs qualified campaign expenses for the purpose of influencing, or attempting to influence, the nomination of any person for election to the office of President of the United States.

(9) The term “qualified campaign expense” means a purchase, payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, or gift of money or of anything of value—

(A) incurred by a candidate, or by his authorized committee, in connection with his campaign for nomination for election, and

(B) neither the incurring nor payment of which constitutes a violation of any law of the United States or of the State in which the expense is incurred or paid.

For purposes of this paragraph, an expense is incurred by a candidate or by an authorized committee if it is incurred by a person specifically authorized in writing by the candidate or committee, as the case may be, to incur such expense on behalf of the candidate or the committee.

(10) The term “State” means each State of the United States and the District of Columbia.

(Added Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, §408(c), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1297; amended Pub. L. 94-283, title I, §115(c)(2), title III, §306(b)(1), May 11, 1976, 90

Stat. 495, 500; Pub. L. 110-172, §11(a)(42)(C), Dec. 29, 2007, 121 Stat. 2488.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 306(a)(1) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, referred to in par. (3), is classified to section 30106(a)(1) of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

##### AMENDMENTS

2007—Par. (3). Pub. L. 110-172 substituted “section 306(a)(1)” for “section 309(a)(1)”.

1976—Par. (2). Pub. L. 94-283, §306(b)(1), inserted provision that “candidate” shall not include any individual who is not actively conducting campaigns in more than one State in connection with seeking nomination for election to be President of the United States.

Par. (3). Pub. L. 94-283, §115(c)(2), substituted “309(a)(1)” for “310(a)(1)”.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 306(b)(1) of Pub. L. 94-283 effective May 11, 1976, see section 306(c) of Pub. L. 94-283, set out as a note under section 9002 of this title.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1974, see section 410(c)(1) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as an Effective Date of 1974 Amendment note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

### § 9033. Eligibility for payments

#### (a) Conditions

To be eligible to receive payments under section 9037, a candidate shall, in writing—

(1) agree to obtain and furnish to the Commission any evidence it may request of qualified campaign expenses,

(2) agree to keep and furnish to the Commission any records, books, and other information it may request, and

(3) agree to an audit and examination by the Commission under section 9038 and to pay any amounts required to be paid under such section.

#### (b) Expense limitation; declaration of intent; minimum contributions

To be eligible to receive payments under section 9037, a candidate shall certify to the Commission that—

(1) the candidate and his authorized committees will not incur qualified campaign expenses in excess of the limitations on such expenses under section 9035,

(2) the candidate is seeking nomination by a political party for election to the office of President of the United States,

(3) the candidate has received matching contributions which in the aggregate, exceed \$5,000 in contributions from residents of each of at least 20 States, and

(4) the aggregate of contributions certified with respect to any person under paragraph (3) does not exceed \$250.

#### (c) Termination of payments

##### (1) General rule

Except as provided by paragraph (2), no payment shall be made to any individual under section 9037—

(A) if such individual ceases to be a candidate as a result of the operation of the last sentence of section 9032(2); or

(B) more than 30 days after the date of the second consecutive primary election in which such individual receives less than 10 percent of the number of votes cast for all candidates of the same party for the same office in such primary election, if such individual permitted or authorized the appearance of his name on the ballot, unless such individual certifies to the Commission that he will not be an active candidate in the primary involved.

**(2) Qualified campaign expenses; payments to Secretary**

Any candidate who is ineligible under paragraph (1) to receive any payments under section 9037 shall be eligible to continue to receive payments under section 9037 to defray qualified campaign expenses incurred before the date upon which such candidate becomes ineligible under paragraph (1).

**(3) Calculation of voting percentage**

For purposes of paragraph (1)(B), if the primary elections involved are held in more than one State on the same date, a candidate shall be treated as receiving that percentage of the votes on such date which he received in the primary election conducted on such date in which he received the greatest percentage vote.

**(4) Reestablishment of eligibility**

(A) In any case in which an individual is ineligible to receive payments under section 9037 as a result of the operation of paragraph (1)(A), the Commission may subsequently determine that such individual is a candidate upon a finding that such individual is actively seeking election to the office of President of the United States in more than one State. The Commission shall make such determination without requiring such individual to reestablish his eligibility to receive payments under subsection (a).

(B) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1)(B), a candidate whose payments have been terminated under paragraph (1)(B) may again receive payments (including amounts he would have received but for paragraph (1)(B)) if he receives 20 percent or more of the total number of votes cast for candidates of the same party in a primary election held after the date on which the election was held which was the basis for terminating payments to him.

(Added Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, § 408(c), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1299; amended Pub. L. 94-283, title III, §§ 305(c), 306(b)(2), May 11, 1976, 90 Stat. 499, 500.)

**Editorial Notes**

**AMENDMENTS**

1976—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 94-283, § 305(c), substituted “limitations” for “limitation”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 94-283, § 306(b)(2), added subsec. (c).

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by section 306(b)(2) of Pub. L. 94-283 effective May 11, 1976, see section 306(c) of Pub. L. 94-283, set out as a note under section 9002 of this title.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1974, see section 410(c)(1) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as an Effective Date of 1974 Amendment note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

**§ 9034. Entitlement of eligible candidates to payments**

**(a) In general**

Every candidate who is eligible to receive payments under section 9033 is entitled to payments under section 9037 in an amount equal to the amount of each contribution received by such candidate on or after the beginning of the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year of the presidential election with respect to which such candidate is seeking nomination, or by his authorized committees, disregarding any amount of contributions from any person to the extent that the total of the amounts contributed by such person on or after the beginning of such preceding calendar year exceeds \$250. For purposes of this subsection and section 9033(b), the term “contribution” means a gift of money made by a written instrument which identifies the person making the contribution by full name and mailing address, but does not include a subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money, or anything of value or anything described in subparagraph (B), (C), or (D) of section 9032(4).

**(b) Limitations**

The total amount of payments to which a candidate is entitled under subsection (a) shall not exceed 50 percent of the expenditure limitation applicable under section 315(b)(1)(A) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.

(Added Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, § 408(c), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1299; amended Pub. L. 94-283, title III, § 307(b), May 11, 1976, 90 Stat. 501; Pub. L. 110-172, § 11(a)(42)(D), Dec. 29, 2007, 121 Stat. 2488.)

**Editorial Notes**

**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

Section 315(b)(1)(A) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, referred to in subsec. (b), is classified to section 30116(b)(1)(A) of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

**AMENDMENTS**

2007—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110-172 substituted “section 315(b)(1)(A)” for “section 320(b)(1)(A)”.

1976—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-283 substituted “section 320(b)(1)(A) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971” for “section 608(c)(1)(A) of title 18, United States Code”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1974, see section 410(c)(1) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as an Effective Date of 1974 Amendment note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

**§ 9035. Qualified campaign expense limitations****(a) Expenditure limitations**

No candidate shall knowingly incur qualified campaign expenses in excess of the expenditure limitation applicable under section 315(b)(1)(A) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, and no candidate shall knowingly make expenditures from his personal funds, or the personal funds of his immediate family, in connection with his campaign for nomination for election to the office of President in excess of, in the aggregate, \$50,000.

**(b) Definition of immediate family**

For purposes of this section, the term “immediate family” means a candidate’s spouse, and any child, parent, grandparent, brother, half-brother, sister, or half-sister of the candidate, and the spouses of such persons.

(Added Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, § 408(c), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1300; amended Pub. L. 94-283, title III, §§ 305(a), 307(c), May 11, 1976, 90 Stat. 499, 501; Pub. L. 113-295, div. A, title II, § 220(z), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 4037.)

**Editorial Notes****REFERENCES IN TEXT**

Section 315 of The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, referred to in subsec. (a), is classified to section 30116 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

**AMENDMENTS**

2014—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-295 substituted “section 315(b)(1)(A)” for “section 320(b)(1)(A)”.

1976—Pub. L. 94-283 substituted “limitations” for “limitation” in section catchline, designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted “Expenditure limitations” as heading of subsec. (a) as so redesignated and substituted “section 320(b)(1)(A) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, and no candidate shall knowingly make expenditures from his personal funds, or the personal funds of his immediate family, in connection with his campaign for nomination for election to the office of President in excess of, in the aggregate, \$50,000” for “section 608(c)(1)(A) of title 18, United States Code”, and added subsec. (b).

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT**

Pub. L. 94-283, title III, § 305(d), May 11, 1976, 90 Stat. 499, as amended by Pub. L. 99-514, § 2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095, provided that: “For purposes of applying section 9035(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [formerly I.R.C. 1954], as amended by subsection (a), expenditures made by an individual after January 29, 1976, and before the date of the enactment of this Act [May 11, 1976] shall not be taken into account.”

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1974, see section 410(c)(1) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as an Effective Date of 1974 Amendment note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

**§ 9036. Certification by Commission****(a) Initial certifications**

Not later than 10 days after a candidate establishes his eligibility under section 9033 to receive payments under section 9037, the Commission shall certify to the Secretary for payment

to such candidate under section 9037 payment in full of amounts to which such candidate is entitled under section 9034. The Commission shall make such additional certifications as may be necessary to permit candidates to receive payments for contributions under section 9037.

**(b) Finality of determinations**

Initial certifications by the Commission under subsection (a), and all determinations made by it under this chapter, are final and conclusive, except to the extent that they are subject to examination and audit by the Commission under section 9038 and judicial review under section 9041.

(Added Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, § 408(c), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1300.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1974, see section 410(c)(1) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as an Effective Date of 1974 Amendment note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

**§ 9037. Payments to eligible candidates****(a) Establishment of account**

The Secretary shall maintain in the Presidential Election Campaign Fund established by section 9006(a), in addition to any account which he maintains under such section, a separate account to be known as the Presidential Primary Matching Payment Account. The Secretary shall deposit into the matching payment account, for use by the candidate of any political party who is eligible to receive payments under section 9033, the amount available after the Secretary determines that amounts for payments under section 9006(c) and for payments under section 9008(i)(2) are available for such payments.

**(b) Payments from the matching payment account**

Upon receipt of a certification from the Commission under section 9036, but not before the beginning of the matching payment period, the Secretary shall promptly transfer the amount certified by the Commission from the matching payment account to the candidate. In making such transfers to candidates of the same political party, the Secretary shall seek to achieve an equitable distribution of funds available under subsection (a), and the Secretary shall take into account, in seeking to achieve an equitable distribution, the sequence in which such certifications are received.

(Added Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, § 408(c), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1300; amended Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, § 1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834; Pub. L. 113-94, § 2(b)(2), Apr. 3, 2014, 128 Stat. 1085.)

**Editorial Notes****AMENDMENTS**

2014—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-94 substituted “section 9008(i)(2)” for “section 9008(b)(3)”.

1976—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-455 struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary” in three places.



**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1974, see section 410(c)(1) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as an Effective Date of 1974 Amendment note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

**§ 9038. Examinations and audits; repayments****(a) Examinations and audits**

After each matching payment period, the Commission shall conduct a thorough examination and audit of the qualified campaign expenses of every candidate and his authorized committees who received payments under section 9037.

**(b) Repayments**

(1) If the Commission determines that any portion of the payments made to a candidate from the matching payment account was in excess of the aggregate amount of payments to which such candidate was entitled under section 9034, it shall notify the candidate, and the candidate shall pay to the Secretary an amount equal to the amount of excess payments.

(2) If the Commission determines that any amount of any payment made to a candidate from the matching payment account was used for any purpose other than—

(A) to defray the qualified campaign expenses with respect to which such payment was made, or

(B) to repay loans the proceeds of which were used, or otherwise to restore funds (other than contributions to defray qualified campaign expenses which were received and expended) which were used, to defray qualified campaign expenses,

it shall notify such candidate of the amount so used, and the candidate shall pay to the Secretary an amount equal to such amount.

(3) Amounts received by a candidate from the matching payment account may be retained for the liquidation of all obligations to pay qualified campaign expenses incurred for a period not exceeding 6 months after the end of the matching payment period. After all obligations have been liquidated, that portion of any unexpended balance remaining in the candidate's accounts which bears the same ratio to the total unexpended balance as the total amount received from the matching payment account bears to the total of all deposits made into the candidate's accounts shall be promptly repaid to the matching payment account.

**(c) Notification**

No notification shall be made by the Commission under subsection (b) with respect to a matching payment period more than 3 years after the end of such period.

**(d) Deposit of repayments**

All payments received by the Secretary under subsection (b) shall be deposited by him in the matching payment account.

(Added Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, §408(c), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1300; amended Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834.)

**Editorial Notes****AMENDMENTS**

1976—Subsecs. (b)(1), (2), (d). Pub. L. 94-455 struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1974, see section 410(c)(1) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as an Effective Date of 1974 Amendment note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

**§ 9039. Reports to Congress; regulations****(a) Reports**

The Commission shall, as soon as practicable after each matching payment period, submit a full report to the Senate and House of Representatives setting forth—

(1) the qualified campaign expenses (shown in such detail as the Commission determines necessary) incurred by the candidates of each political party and their authorized committees,

(2) the amounts certified by it under section 9036 for payment to each eligible candidate, and

(3) the amount of payments, if any, required from candidates under section 9038, and the reasons for each payment required.

Each report submitted pursuant to this section shall be printed as a Senate document.

**(b) Regulations, etc.**

The Commission is authorized to prescribe rules and regulations in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c), to conduct examinations and audits (in addition to the examinations and audits required by section 9038(a)), to conduct investigations, and to require the keeping and submission of any books, records, and information, which it determines to be necessary to carry out its responsibilities under this chapter.

**(c) Review of regulations**

(1) The Commission, before prescribing any rule or regulation under subsection (b), shall transmit a statement with respect to such rule or regulation to the Senate and to the House of Representatives, in accordance with the provisions of this subsection. Such statement shall set forth the proposed rule or regulation and shall contain a detailed explanation and justification of such rule or regulation.

(2) If either such House does not, through appropriate action, disapprove the proposed rule or regulation set forth in such statement no later than 30 legislative days after receipt of such statement, then the Commission may prescribe such rule or regulation. Whenever a committee of the House of Representatives reports any resolution relating to any such rule or regulation, it is at any time thereafter in order (even though a previous motion to the same effect has been disagreed to) to move to proceed to the consideration of the resolution. The motion is highly privileged and is not debatable. An amendment to the motion is not in order, and it

is not in order to move to reconsider the vote by which the motion is agreed to or disagreed to. The Commission may not prescribe any rule or regulation which is disapproved by either such House under this paragraph.

(3) For purposes of this subsection, the term “legislative days” does not include any calendar day on which both Houses of the Congress are not in session.

(4) For purposes of this subsection, the term “rule or regulation” means a provision or series of interrelated provisions stating a single separable rule of law.

(Added Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, § 408(c), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1301; amended Pub. L. 94-283, title III, § 304(b), May 11, 1976, 90 Stat. 499.)

#### **Editorial Notes**

##### **AMENDMENTS**

1976—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 94-283, § 304(b)(1), inserted provision for accelerated consideration by the House of Representatives of resolutions relating to rules or regulations reported out by committees of the House.

Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 94-283, § 304(b)(2), added par. (4).

#### **Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

##### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1974, see section 410(c)(1) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as an Effective Date of 1974 Amendment note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

##### **TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

For termination, effective May 15, 2000, of reporting provisions in subsec. (a) of this section, see section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and page 168 of House Document No. 103-7.

### **§ 9040. Participation by Commission in judicial proceedings**

#### **(a) Appearance by counsel**

The Commission is authorized to appear in and defend against any action instituted under this section, either by attorneys employed in its office or by counsel whom it may appoint without regard to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service, and whose compensation it may fix without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title.

#### **(b) Recovery of certain payments**

The Commission is authorized, through attorneys and counsel described in subsection (a), to institute actions in the district courts of the United States to seek recovery of any amounts determined to be payable to the Secretary as a result of an examination and audit made pursuant to section 9038.

#### **(c) Injunctive relief**

The Commission is authorized, through attorneys and counsel described in subsection (a), to petition the courts of the United States for such injunctive relief as is appropriate to implement any provision of this chapter.

#### **(d) Appeal**

The Commission is authorized on behalf of the United States to appeal from, and to petition

the Supreme Court for certiorari to review, judgments or decrees entered with respect to actions in which it appears pursuant to the authority provided in this section.

(Added Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, § 408(c), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1302; amended Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, § 1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834.)

#### **Editorial Notes**

##### **AMENDMENTS**

1976—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-455 struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary”.

#### **Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

##### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1974, see section 410(c)(1) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as an Effective Date of 1974 Amendment note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

### **§ 9041. Judicial review**

#### **(a) Review of agency action by the Commission**

Any agency action by the Commission made under the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to review by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit upon petition filed in such court within 30 days after the agency action by the Commission for which review is sought.

#### **(b) Review procedures**

The provisions of chapter 7 of title 5, United States Code, apply to judicial review of any agency action, as defined in section 551(13) of title 5, United States Code, by the Commission.

(Added Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, § 408(c), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1302.)

#### **Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

##### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1974, see section 410(c)(1) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as an Effective Date of 1974 Amendment note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

### **§ 9042. Criminal penalties**

#### **(a) Excess campaign expenses**

Any person who violates the provisions of section 9035 shall be fined not more than \$25,000, or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both. Any officer or member of any political committee who knowingly consents to any expenditure in violation of the provisions of section 9035 shall be fined not more than \$25,000, or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

#### **(b) Unlawful use of payments**

(1) It is unlawful for any person who receives any payment under section 9037, or to whom any portion of any such payment is transferred, knowingly and willfully to use, or authorize the use of, such payment or such portion for any purpose other than—

(A) to defray qualified campaign expenses, or

(B) to repay loans the proceeds of which were used, or otherwise to restore funds (other

than contributions to defray qualified campaign expenses which were received and expended) which were used, to defray qualified campaign expenses.

(2) Any person who violates the provisions of paragraph (1) shall be fined not more than \$10,000, or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

**(c) False statements, etc.**

(1) It is unlawful for any person knowingly and willfully—

(A) to furnish any false, fictitious, or fraudulent evidence, books, or information to the Commission under this chapter, or to include in any evidence, books, or information so furnished any misrepresentation of a material fact, or to falsify or conceal any evidence, books, or information relevant to a certification by the Commission or an examination and audit by the Commission under this chapter, or

(B) to fail to furnish to the Commission any records, books, or information requested by it for purposes of this chapter.

(2) Any person who violates the provisions of paragraph (1) shall be fined not more than \$10,000, or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

**(d) Kickbacks and illegal payments**

(1) It is unlawful for any person knowingly and willfully to give or accept any kickback or any illegal payment in connection with any qualified campaign expense of a candidate, or his authorized committees, who receives payments under section 9037.

(2) Any person who violates the provisions of paragraph (1) shall be fined not more than \$10,000, or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

(3) In addition to the penalty provided by paragraph (2), any person who accepts any kickback or illegal payment in connection with any qualified campaign expense of a candidate or his authorized committees shall pay to the Secretary for deposit in the matching payment account, an amount equal to 125 percent of the kickback or payment received.

(Added Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, § 408(c), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1302.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1974, see section 410(c)(1) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as an Effective Date of 1974 Amendment note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

**Subtitle I—Trust Fund Code**

**§ 9500. Short title**

This subtitle may be cited as the “Trust Fund Code of 1981”.

(Added Pub. L. 97-119, title I, § 103(a), Dec. 29, 1981, 95 Stat. 1636.)

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**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

The amendment by section 8033(b) of Pub. L. 99-509, which provided for adding item 9507 to the table of sections for subchapter A, did not take effect pursuant to section 8033(c)(2)(C) of Pub. L. 99-509 and the enactment of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99-499).

**AMENDMENTS**

2010—Pub. L. 111-148, title VI, § 6301(e)(1)(B), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 743, added item 9511.

2005—Pub. L. 109-59, title XI, § 11115(b)(2)(E), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1950, substituted “Sport Fish Restoration and Boating” for “Aquatic Resources” in item 9504.

1998—Pub. L. 105-178, title IX, § 9011(b)(3), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 508, struck out item 9511 “National Recreational Trails Trust Fund”.

1991—Pub. L. 102-240, title VIII, § 8003(c), Dec. 18, 1991, 105 Stat. 2206, added item 9511.

1987—Pub. L. 100-203, title IX, § 9202(b), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1330-331, added item 9510.

1986—Pub. L. 99-662, title XIV, §§ 1403(c), 1405(c), Nov. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 4270, 4271, added items 9505 and 9506.

Pub. L. 99-509, title VIII, § 8033(c)(2)(C), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1962, added item 9509.

Pub. L. 99-499, title V, §§ 517(d), 522(b), Oct. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 1774, 1781, added items 9507 and 9508.

1984—Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title X, § 1016(d), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1020, added item 9504.

1983—Pub. L. 97-424, title V, § 531(d), Jan. 6, 1983, 96 Stat. 2192, added item 9503.

1982—Pub. L. 97-248, title II, § 281(c)(1), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 566, struck out “Establishment of” before “Black Lung” in item 9501 and added item 9502.

**§ 9501. Black Lung Disability Trust Fund**

**(a) Creation of Trust Fund**

**(1) In general**

There is established in the Treasury of the United States a trust fund to be known as the “Black Lung Disability Trust Fund”, consisting of such amounts as may be appropriated or credited to the Black Lung Disability Trust Fund.

**(2) Trustees**

The trustees of the Black Lung Disability Trust Fund shall be the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Labor, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

<sup>1</sup> Section numbers editorially supplied.