

A BILL

For Fair Elections and Public Campaign Finance Reform

Whereas, our current United States system of financing of public elections has led to ever increasing financial burdens to candidates for elected offices, and

Whereas, ever increasing funds from Political Action Committees have led to a distrust by the American people that their elected representatives are in fact representing the interests of their constituents, and

Whereas, the time and energy devoted to fundraising for reelection is a misuse of time that should be allocated to an elected official's public duties and responsibilities, and

Whereas, private funding of elections could easily be interpreted as a violation of Title 18 U.S. Code Subsection 201. Bribery of public officials and witnesses,

Be it known that the Green Party of the United States Women's Caucus proposes language to draft a bill that we kindly request to be sponsored by the 116th Congress and Senate of the United States of America to include the following:

- I. ALL Elections in the United States of America shall be funded by government funds raised specifically for campaigns, to wit - the Presidential Campaign fund as collected by the IRS as a voluntary contribution from taxpayers. Each level of local, state, and Federal office shall collect and distribute campaign funds collected through voluntary tax selection by each individual taxpayer at the local, county state and federal level.
 - A. Campaigns shall not receive funds from special interest funding sources such as Political Action Committees, for profit and non-profit corporations or religious institutions.
 - B. Each candidate shall be provided with their campaign funds within 30-days of being verified through the respective Board of Elections to be eligible to run for the specified office.
 - C. The Board of Elections shall not deny ballot access to any candidate who meets the minimum criteria for the office for which they are running.

- D. Each Candidate for each office shall receive the same remuneration as all other candidates seeking the same office in the same election cycle.
 - E. Candidates shall be disqualified from the ballot if in the course of previous office or previous campaigns, or during the current election cycle for the office for which they are running to be in violation of Title 18 U.S. Code Subsection 201. Bribery of public officials and witnesses.
- II. Primaries for Elections shall be conducted by each registered political party via their internal Party process for selecting candidates. No candidate such selected via their Party shall be disqualified from the ballot on the basis of their Party affiliation or Party status.
- A. No party shall be forced to run a candidate in any race if they do not choose to do so and will face no penalty thereby.
 - B. Independent or Non-Affiliated Candidates shall automatically be included on the voters' ballot.
- III. Candidates are prohibited from purchasing advertisements for their campaigns through any social, digital, or broadcast media, including radio, television, social media such as Facebook, Twitter, or YouTube.
- IV. Special Interest groups (including the Political Party) may purchase advertisements in print media and social media to promote candidates during the 60-day period prior to the General Election for that candidate's office.
- A. Any Special Interest group or Individual must disclose in their advertisement any or all of the following (where applicable):
 - a) Religious affiliation
 - b) Corporate affiliation
 - c) Funding sources
 - d) Political agenda
 - B. Each dollar spent on advertising by Special Interest groups or individual must be reported to the respective local, county, state or Federal Election Board.
 - C. Each dollar spent on advertising by Special Interest group will be matched with a dollar contribution to the Campaign Finance fund as established by each local, county, state or Federal Election Campaign Fund.

D. No Special Interest group or individual may advertise against any candidate running for office and may only promote their endorsed candidates.

IV. The Board of Elections shall provide each verified candidate with the following:

- A. Access to all political debates for the office sought,
- B. Access to relevant elections websites maintained by the local, state or federal office for which they are running,
- C. An individual web page for each candidate will be made accessible to each verified candidate for the promotion of their campaign for the 90-day period prior to the General Election.
 - 1. The candidate's web page shall include the candidate's Political Party affiliation or non-affiliated status
 - 2. Each candidate's webpage shall detail the Candidate's proposed platform.
 - 3. Each candidate's webpage shall detail any Candidate's relevant work, education, or community service experience that relates to the position for which they are seeking election.
 - 4. Each candidate's webpage will include the Candidate's current employer and occupation, and co-habitants name, age, employer (if employed), school (if enrolled), and occupation or student status.
 - 5. No candidate's webpage shall target or address the character of any other candidate appearing on the ballot for that election.
 - 6. Candidates may promote differences between candidates on the ballot based solely on past legislative actions or the stated CURRENT platform as listed on the opposing candidate's webpage for the current election.

D. The Right of each candidate for this access shall not be infringed upon.

- V. The Board of Elections shall host public forums and debates for each Election.
 - A. Each Election shall include at least two public debates whereby candidates may exchange views about and argue their platform with one another.
 - B. Each Election shall include at least one town hall for each candidate to provide voters with a public forum to listen to the candidate's platform and ask questions of the candidate.
 - C. Debates and town halls will be made accessible to the Voting Public both in a public venue and through media such as television, radio, or via internet/telephony.
 - D. No candidate appearing on the Ballot may be excluded from public debates or town hall events.
 - E. Candidate participation in debates and town hall is voluntary.
 - F. Candidates will indicate their desire to be EXCLUDED from debates or town hall at any point prior to one-week (7 calendar days) before the originally scheduled date of the event.
 - G. Debates and town hall events may be cancelled and rescheduled up to one time prior to the General Election, but shall not occur any later than 14 days prior to the election day.

- VI. The Board of Elections shall secure each citizen's vote through biometric (fingerprint) verification or through digital blockchain verification.

- VII. Each citizen has the right to contest or review their submitted vote for up to 120 days post election.

- VIII. If a citizen or group of citizens claims that their vote was not counted correctly by their local Board of Elections, said Board is required to RECOUNT that citizen's Vote. The Right of a Citizen to question or challenge the legitimacy of their Vote shall not be infringed.

- IX. Each Day of General Election shall be a local, state, county or federal holiday where no wage-labor work is to be performed outside of essential services such as fire, utility, hospital and police services.

- X. All states must provide a method of early voting for all registered voters.