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# H. R. 7306

To establish the Democracy Dollars Program under which citizens may direct the making of payments to candidates in elections for Federal office and to political committees supporting campaigns for election for Federal office, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KHANNA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Democracy Dollars Act”.

1 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of  
 2 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—DEMOCRACY DOLLARS PROGRAM

Subtitle A—Availability of Democracy Dollars to Qualified Candidates

- Sec. 101. Establishment of Democracy Dollars Program.
- Sec. 102. Eligibility of individuals to participate in Program.
- Sec. 103. Eligibility of candidates and authorized committees to receive payments; use of payments.
- Sec. 104. Democracy Dollars Exploratory Fund.
- Sec. 105. Eligibility of other political committees to receive payments; use of payments.
- Sec. 106. Reports on disbursements of funds received under Program.

Subtitle B—Payments of Democracy Dollars

- Sec. 111. Amount available for eligible individuals to direct for payments.
- Sec. 112. Payments to candidates and committees from available amounts.
- Sec. 113. Limitations on amount of payments to candidates and committees.
- Sec. 114. Protecting privacy of eligible individuals.
- Sec. 115. Remitting unexpended payments.

Subtitle C—Public Outreach and Education

- Sec. 121. Public outreach and education program.
- Sec. 122. Requiring materials to be provided in minority languages.
- Sec. 123. Authorization of appropriations.

TITLE II—DEMOCRACY FUND COMMISSION

- Sec. 201. Establishment.
- Sec. 202. Membership.
- Sec. 203. Staff.
- Sec. 204. Functions.
- Sec. 205. State responsibility for implementation of Program.
- Sec. 206. Administration of program in case of States without approved implementation plans in effect.

TITLE III—DEMOCRACY DOLLARS FUND

- Sec. 301. Democracy Dollars Fund.
- Sec. 302. Termination of Presidential Election Campaign Fund; transfer of balance to Democracy Dollars Fund.

TITLE IV—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- Sec. 401. Violations and penalties.
- Sec. 402. Democracy Dollar Administrator defined.
- Sec. 403. Other definitions.

TITLE V—SEVERABILITY

- Sec. 501. Severability.

1 **TITLE I—DEMOCRACY DOLLARS**  
2 **PROGRAM**  
3 **Subtitle A—Availability of Democ-**  
4 **racy Dollars to Qualified Can-**  
5 **didates**

6 **SEC. 101. ESTABLISHMENT OF DEMOCRACY DOLLARS PRO-**  
7 **GRAM.**

8 In accordance with this Act, the Democracy Fund  
9 Commission (as established under title II) shall establish  
10 and operate a program to be known as the “Democracy  
11 Dollars Program”, under which eligible individuals may  
12 direct that amounts in the Democracy Dollars Fund (as  
13 established under title III) be used to make payments to  
14 eligible candidates for election for Federal office (including  
15 the authorized committees of such candidates) or eligible  
16 political committees, in accordance with subtitle B.

17 **SEC. 102. ELIGIBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS TO PARTICIPATE IN**  
18 **PROGRAM.**

19 (a) **ELIGIBILITY OF REGISTERED VOTERS.**—An indi-  
20 vidual is eligible to participate in the Democracy Dollars  
21 Program with respect to an election for Federal office if  
22 the individual is registered to vote in any election for Fed-  
23 eral office during the year in which the election will be  
24 held, as determined on the basis of the most recent version  
25 of the computerized statewide voter registration list main-

1 tained under section 303 of the Help America Vote Act  
2 of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21083) by the State in which the indi-  
3 vidual resides.

4 (b) SPECIAL RULE FOR RESIDENTS OF STATES  
5 WITHOUT VOTER REGISTRATION.—In the case of an indi-  
6 vidual who is a resident of a State in which there is no  
7 voter registration requirement for any voter in the State  
8 with respect to an election for Federal office, an individual  
9 is eligible to participate in the Program with respect to  
10 an election for Federal office if the individual is eligible  
11 to vote in any election for Federal office in that State.

12 **SEC. 103. ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES AND AUTHORIZED**  
13 **COMMITTEES TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS; USE**  
14 **OF PAYMENTS.**

15 (a) ELIGIBILITY.—A candidate (including the author-  
16 ized committees of the candidate) is eligible to receive pay-  
17 ments under the Democracy Dollars Program if—

18 (1) the candidate and each authorized com-  
19 mittee of the candidate registers with the Democracy  
20 Fund Commission to participate in the Program;

21 (2) each such committee certifies to such Com-  
22 mission that it has established a Democracy Dollars  
23 Exploratory Fund in accordance with section 104;

24 (3) except as provided in subsection (d), each  
25 such committee certifies to such Commission that, in

1 accordance with section 104, the aggregate amount  
2 of qualified contributions that it has accepted, or  
3 that it will accept, to such Democracy Dollars Ex-  
4 ploratory Fund is equal to the applicable threshold  
5 under such section;

6 (4) each such committee certifies to such Com-  
7 mission that it will maintain a separate account for  
8 payments received under the Program; and

9 (5) each such committee certifies to such Com-  
10 mission that it will meet the applicable requirements  
11 of this title, including the requirements of subsection  
12 (c) (relating to restrictions on the source of the con-  
13 tributions the candidate and committees may accept  
14 and the expenditures the candidate and committees  
15 may make).

16 (b) EXCLUSIVE USE OF DEMOCRACY DOLLARS PAY-  
17 MENTS FOR AUTHORIZED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES.—

18 (1) AUTHORIZED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES OF  
19 CANDIDATE.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
21 paragraph (2), a candidate (including an au-  
22 thorized committee of the candidate) may use a  
23 payment received under the Program only for  
24 otherwise authorized expenditures in connection  
25 with the campaign for Federal office of the can-

1 didate, and may not convert the payment to  
2 personal use.

3 (B) APPLICATION OF RULES APPLICABLE  
4 TO CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES UNDER  
5 FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN ACT OF 1971.—  
6 For purposes of this paragraph, section 313 of  
7 the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52  
8 U.S.C. 30114) shall apply to the use of a pay-  
9 ment under the Program in the same manner  
10 as such section applies to the use of a contribu-  
11 tion or donation described in such section.

12 (2) CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER CANDIDATES.—  
13 A candidate (including an authorized committee of a  
14 candidate) may use a payment received under the  
15 Program to make a contribution to the authorized  
16 committee of another candidate, except that the ag-  
17 gregate amount of contributions made to such a  
18 committee using such payments with respect to an  
19 election may not exceed the limit on the amount of  
20 contributions which may be made to such a com-  
21 mittee with respect to the election under section  
22 315(a) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of  
23 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30116(a)).

24 (c) DEMOCRACY DOLLARS PAYMENTS AS EXCLUSIVE  
25 SOURCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES.—A

1 candidate (including an authorized committee of the can-  
2 didate) receiving a payment under the Democracy Dollars  
3 Program with respect to an election may not accept any  
4 contributions or make any expenditures in connection with  
5 any election occurring during the election cycle for the of-  
6 fice involved other than the following:

7           (1) Payments made under the Democracy Dol-  
8           lars Program.

9           (2) Amounts accepted and deposited in the can-  
10          didate's Democracy Dollars Exploratory Fund under  
11          section 104, so long as such amounts do not exceed  
12          the applicable threshold for the candidate under  
13          such section.

14          (3) Personal funds (including personal funds of  
15          the candidate or any immediate family member of  
16          the candidate) in an amount that does not exceed an  
17          aggregate amount of \$50,000 for all such elections.

18          (d) PERMITTING CERTIFICATION BY CANDIDATES  
19          AND COMMITTEES ACCEPTING EXCESS CONTRIBUTIONS  
20          TO DEMOCRACY DOLLARS EXPLORATORY FUND.—A can-  
21          didate (including an authorized committee of the can-  
22          didate) which has accepted an aggregate amount of quali-  
23          fied contributions to a Democracy Dollars Exploratory  
24          Fund under section 104 which is greater than the applica-  
25          ble threshold under such section shall be considered to

1 meet the requirements of paragraph (3) of subsection (a)  
2 if, not later than 5 business days after the date on which  
3 the aggregate amount of qualified contributions deposited  
4 into such Fund was first equal to such applicable thresh-  
5 old, the candidate provides the Democracy Fund Commis-  
6 sion with—

7 (1) a statement of the amount of contributions  
8 in such Fund; and

9 (2) a certification that the candidate or com-  
10 mittee returned all contributions accepted after such  
11 date to the persons who made such contributions.

12 **SEC. 104. DEMOCRACY DOLLARS EXPLORATORY FUND.**

13 (a) **REQUIRING ESTABLISHMENT AND MINIMUM**  
14 **BALANCE AS CONDITION OF ELIGIBILITY.**—As a condi-  
15 tion of eligibility to receive payments under the Democracy  
16 Dollars Program, a candidate (including the authorized  
17 committees of a candidate) shall—

18 (1) establish a separate account to be known as  
19 the “Democracy Dollars Exploratory Fund”;

20 (2) accept a qualified contribution (as described  
21 in subsection (b)) from a number of individuals  
22 equal to or greater than the applicable donor thresh-  
23 old described in subsection (c); and

24 (3) deposit into Democracy Dollars Exploratory  
25 Fund an aggregate amount of qualified contribu-



1 tions accepted by the candidate or the committee  
2 which is equal to the applicable dollar threshold de-  
3 scribed in subsection (d).

4 (b) QUALIFIED CONTRIBUTION DESCRIBED.—In this  
5 section, a “qualified contribution” means a contribution  
6 to a candidate or an authorized committee of a candidate  
7 which does not consist of any personal funds of the can-  
8 didate and which is made by an individual who is not a  
9 member of the immediate family of the candidate, except  
10 that such term does not include a contribution made to  
11 the candidate or committee by another candidate (or an  
12 authorized committee of such a candidate) using a pay-  
13 ment received under the Program, as described in section  
14 103(b).

15 (c) APPLICABLE DONOR THRESHOLD DESCRIBED.—  
16 In this section, the “applicable donor threshold” with re-  
17 spect to a candidate or authorized committee is—

18 (1) 125 individuals, in the case of a candidate  
19 for a House election;

20 (2) 250 individuals, in the case of a candidate  
21 for election for the office of Senator; or

22 (3) 500 individuals, in the case of a candidate  
23 for election for the office of President or Vice Presi-  
24 dent.

1 (d) APPLICABLE THRESHOLD DESCRIBED.—In this  
2 section, the “applicable dollar threshold” with respect to  
3 a candidate or authorized committee is—

4 (1) \$50,000, in the case of a candidate for a  
5 House election;

6 (2) \$500,000, in the case of a candidate for  
7 election for the office of Senator; or

8 (3) \$1,000,000, in the case of a candidate for  
9 election for the office of President or Vice President.

10 **SEC. 105. ELIGIBILITY OF OTHER POLITICAL COMMITTEES**

11 **TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS; USE OF PAYMENTS.**

12 (a) ELIGIBILITY.—A political committee which is not  
13 an authorized committee of a candidate is eligible to re-  
14 ceive payments under the Democracy Dollars Program  
15 if—

16 (1) the committee registers with the Democracy  
17 Fund Commission to participate in the Program;  
18 and

19 (2) the committee certifies that it will maintain  
20 a separate account for payments received under the  
21 Program.

22 (b) EXCLUSIVE USE OF DEMOCRACY DOLLARS PAY-  
23 MENTS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES AND  
24 OTHER AUTHORIZED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—A political committee which  
2 is not an authorized committee of a candidate may  
3 use a payment received under the Democracy Dol-  
4 lars Program only to make a contribution to the au-  
5 thorized committee of a candidate, except that a po-  
6 litical committee of a political party may also use a  
7 payment received under the Program for otherwise  
8 authorized expenditures in connection with the cam-  
9 paigns for Federal office of candidates who are  
10 members of the political party, so long as the pay-  
11 ment is not converted to personal use. For purposes  
12 of this paragraph, section 313 of the Federal Elec-  
13 tion Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30114) shall  
14 apply to the use of a payment under the Program  
15 in the same manner as such section applies to the  
16 use of a contribution or donation described in such  
17 section.

18           (2) LIMIT ON AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION.—  
19 The aggregate amount of contributions made by a  
20 committee under this section to the authorized com-  
21 mittee of a candidate using payments received under  
22 the Democracy Dollars Program with respect to an  
23 election may not exceed the limit on the amount of  
24 contributions which may be made to such an author-  
25 ized committee with respect to the election under

1 section 315(a) of the Federal Election Campaign  
2 Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30116(a)).

3 **SEC. 106. REPORTS ON DISBURSEMENTS OF FUNDS RE-**  
4 **CEIVED UNDER PROGRAM.**

5 (a) **REQUIRING COMMITTEES TO FILE REPORTS.—**

6 Each authorized committee of a candidate or other polit-  
7 ical committee which receives payments under the Democ-  
8 racy Dollars Program shall file reports with the Democ-  
9 racy Fund Commission listing the name and address of  
10 each person who has received any disbursement from the  
11 separate account maintained by the committee for pay-  
12 ments received under the Program (and, if applicable,  
13 from the Democracy Dollars Exploratory Fund established  
14 pursuant to section 104) in an aggregate amount or value  
15 in excess of \$200 during the period covered by the report,  
16 together with the date and amount of any such disburse-  
17 ment.

18 (b) **TIMING OF REPORTS; PERIOD OF COVERAGE.—**

19 A committee shall file a report required under this section  
20 with respect to an election at the same time as the com-  
21 mittee files a report required under section 304(a) of the  
22 Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C.  
23 30104) with respect to that election, and each report filed  
24 under this section shall be complete as of the same period

1 applicable to the report the committee files at that time  
2 under section 304(a) of such Act.

3 (c) ELECTRONIC FILING; PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—

4 (1) MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING.—In ac-  
5 cordance with regulations promulgated by the De-  
6 mocracy Fund Commission, a committee shall file  
7 each report required under this section in electronic  
8 form accessible by computers.

9 (2) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Commission  
10 shall make a report filed under this section available  
11 for inspection by the public in the offices of the  
12 Commission and accessible to the public on the  
13 internet not later than 24 hours after the Commis-  
14 sion receives the report.

15 (3) METHODS FOR VERIFICATION.—In promul-  
16 gating regulations under this subsection, the Com-  
17 mission shall provide methods (other than requiring  
18 a signature on the document being filed) for  
19 verifying reports filed under this section. Any docu-  
20 ment verified under any of the methods shall be  
21 treated for all purposes (including penalties for per-  
22 jury) in the same manner as a document verified by  
23 signature.

1                   **Subtitle B—Payments of**  
2                   **Democracy Dollars**

3   **SEC. 111. AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS**  
4                   **TO DIRECT FOR PAYMENTS.**

5           (a) IN GENERAL.—Effective on the first day of each  
6 odd-numbered year (beginning with 2019), an eligible in-  
7 dividual may direct the Democracy Dollar Administrator  
8 to make payments with respect to elections for Federal  
9 office held in the following year (or, in the case of special  
10 elections, an election held in either such odd-numbered  
11 year or the following year) in an aggregate amount equal  
12 to the sum of the following:

13                   (1) A House election share of—

14                           (A) for 2019, \$10; or

15                           (B) for 2021 and each subsequent odd-  
16 numbered year, the amount established under  
17 this paragraph for the previous odd-numbered  
18 year increased by the adjustment percentage for  
19 House elections (as described in paragraph (1)  
20 of subsection (b)) for the year.

21                   (2) If a regularly scheduled election for the of-  
22 fice of Senator will be held during the following year  
23 in the State in which the individual resides, a Senate  
24 election share of—

25                           (A) for 2019, \$15; or

1 (B) for 2021 and each subsequent odd-  
2 numbered year, the amount established under  
3 this paragraph for the previous odd-numbered  
4 year increased by the adjustment percentage for  
5 Senate elections (as described in paragraph (2)  
6 of subsection (b)) for the year.

7 (3) If an election for the office of President and  
8 Vice President will be held during the following year,  
9 a presidential election share of—

10 (A) for 2019, \$25; or

11 (B) for 2023 and each fourth year there-  
12 after, the amount established under this para-  
13 graph for the previous odd-numbered year in-  
14 creased by the adjustment percentage for presi-  
15 dential elections (as described in paragraph (3)  
16 of subsection (b)) for the year.

17 (b) ADJUSTMENT PERCENTAGES DESCRIBED.—

18 (1) HOUSE ELECTIONS.—The adjustment per-  
19 centage for House elections for an odd-numbered  
20 year is the greater of 100 percent or the percentage  
21 (if any) by which—

22 (A) the aggregate amount of contributions  
23 made to authorized committees of candidates  
24 for House elections in the previous year from

1 sources other than payments under the Democ-  
2 racy Dollars Program; exceeded

3 (B) the aggregate of amount of contribu-  
4 tions made to such authorized committees for  
5 such elections that consisted of payments under  
6 the Program, including payments made to such  
7 authorized committees by other political com-  
8 mittees using payments under the Program (as  
9 described in section 105(b)).

10 (2) SENATE ELECTIONS.—The adjustment per-  
11 centage for Senate elections for an odd-numbered  
12 year is the greater of 100 percent or the percentage  
13 (if any) by which—

14 (A) the aggregate amount of contributions  
15 made to authorized committees of candidates  
16 for elections for the office of Senator in the pre-  
17 vious year from sources other than payments  
18 under the Democracy Dollars Program; exceed-  
19 ed

20 (B) the aggregate of amount of contribu-  
21 tions made to such authorized committees for  
22 such elections that consisted of payments under  
23 the Program, including payments made to such  
24 authorized committees by other political com-



1           mittees using payments under the Program (as  
2           described in section 105(b)).

3           (3) PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS.—The adjust-  
4           ment percentage for presidential elections for a year  
5           is the greater of 100 percent or the percentage (if  
6           any) by which—

7                   (A) the aggregate amount of contributions  
8                   made to authorized committees of candidates  
9                   for the most recent election for the office of  
10                  President from sources other than payments  
11                  under the Democracy Dollars Program; exceed-  
12                  ed

13                   (B) the aggregate amount of contributions  
14                   made to such authorized committees for such  
15                   election that consisted of payments under the  
16                   Program, including payments made to such au-  
17                   thorized committees by other political commit-  
18                   tees using payments under the Program (as de-  
19                   scribed in section 105(b)).

20           (c) TREATMENT OF SPECIAL ELECTIONS.—

21                   (1) HOUSE ELECTIONS.—If an eligible indi-  
22                   vidual is a resident of a congressional district in  
23                   which a special House election will be held, the  
24                   House election share amount set forth under para-

1 graph (1) of subsection (a) for the individual shall  
2 be increased by \$10.

3 (2) SENATE ELECTIONS.—If an eligible indi-  
4 vidual is a resident of a State in which a special  
5 election will be held for the office of Senator, the  
6 Senate election share amount set forth under para-  
7 graph (2) for the individual shall be increased by  
8 \$15.

9 (d) NO CARRY-OVER OF AMOUNTS.—On the last day  
10 of each even-numbered year, the amount available under  
11 this section with respect to an eligible individual shall be  
12 reduced to \$0, and no further payments may be made  
13 under this Act with respect to elections held in such year.

14 (e) INDEXING OF AMOUNTS.—In any calendar year  
15 after 2019, section 315(c)(1)(B) of the Federal Election  
16 Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30116(c)(1)(B)) shall  
17 apply to each amount described in this section in the same  
18 manner as such section applies to the limitations estab-  
19 lished under subsections (a)(1)(A), (a)(1)(B), (a)(3), and  
20 (h) of such section, except that for purposes of applying  
21 such section to the amounts described in this section, the  
22 “base period” shall be 2019.

23 (f) PROHIBITING PAYING INDIVIDUALS TO DIRECT  
24 PAYMENTS TO CANDIDATES AND COMMITTEES.—It shall  
25 be unlawful—

1           (1) for any person to provide money or any-  
2           thing of value to an eligible individual, or to make  
3           an express promise to provide money or anything of  
4           value to an eligible individual, in exchange for the el-  
5           igible individual directing the Democracy Dollar Ad-  
6           ministrator to make payments to a candidate or  
7           committee under the Democracy Dollars Program;  
8           or

9           (2) for an eligible individual to solicit money or  
10          anything of value from another person in exchange  
11          for the eligible individual directing the Democracy  
12          Dollar Administrator to make payments to a can-  
13          didate or committee under the Democracy Dollars  
14          Program.

15 **SEC. 112. PAYMENTS TO CANDIDATES AND COMMITTEES**  
16 **FROM AVAILABLE AMOUNTS.**

17          (a) **REQUESTS BY ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.**—An eligi-  
18          ble individual may submit to the Democracy Dollar Ad-  
19          ministrator a request to make a payment from the amount  
20          available to the eligible individual under section 111 to an  
21          eligible candidate or political committee identified by the  
22          eligible individual, in such amount as the eligible indi-  
23          vidual may specify.

24          (b) **PAYMENTS BY DEMOCRACY DOLLAR ADMINIS-**  
25          **TRATOR.**—Upon the expiration of the 5-day period which

1 begins on the date the eligible individual submits a request  
2 under subsection (a), the Democracy Dollar Administrator  
3 shall make a payment to the eligible candidate or political  
4 committee identified by the individual in the request, in  
5 the amount specified in the request, unless during such  
6 5-day period, the individual notifies the Administrator  
7 that the individual cancels the request.

8 (c) STATEMENT OF BALANCE OF AMOUNTS REMAIN-  
9 ING.—After making a payment to an eligible candidate or  
10 political committee at the direction of an individual, the  
11 Democracy Dollar Administrator shall transmit to the in-  
12 dividual (as promptly as the Administrator determines to  
13 be feasible, in accordance with regulations promulgated by  
14 the Commission) a statement of the amount remaining for  
15 the individual to use for payments under the Democracy  
16 Dollars Program during the year.

17 **SEC. 113. LIMITATIONS ON AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS TO CAN-**  
18 **DIDATES AND COMMITTEES.**

19 (a) LIMITATIONS BASED ON TYPE OF ELECTION.—  
20 The total amount of payments made at the direction of  
21 an eligible individual to candidates and the authorized  
22 committees of candidates may not exceed—

23 (1) in the case of candidates for House elec-  
24 tions, the House election share amount set forth  
25 under paragraph (1) of section 111(a);

1           (2) in the case of candidates for election for the  
2 office of Senator, the Senate election share amount  
3 set forth under paragraph (2) of section 111(a); and

4           (3) in the case of candidates for election for the  
5 office of President, the presidential election share  
6 amount set forth under paragraph (3) of section  
7 111(a).

8           (b) SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN PRESIDENTIAL  
9 ELECTIONS.—In the case of elections for the office of  
10 President held in a year in which the incumbent is a can-  
11 didate—

12           (1) the total amount of payments made at the  
13 direction of an eligible individual to candidates and  
14 the authorized committees of candidates in primary  
15 elections for such office may not exceed 40 percent  
16 of the presidential election share amount set forth  
17 under paragraph (3) of section 111(a); and

18           (2) the total amount of payments made at the  
19 direction of an eligible individual to candidates and  
20 the authorized committees of candidates in the gen-  
21 eral election for such office may not exceed 60 per-  
22 cent of the presidential election share amount set  
23 forth under paragraph (3) of section 111(a).

1 **SEC. 114. PROTECTING PRIVACY OF ELIGIBLE INDIVID-**  
2 **UALS.**

3 (a) NO TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS AS CONTRIBU-  
4 TIONS MADE BY INDIVIDUALS TO CANDIDATES OR COM-  
5 MITTEES.—A payment made to a candidate or committee  
6 under the Democracy Dollars Program at the direction of  
7 an eligible individual, as described in this subtitle, shall  
8 not be treated as a contribution made to the candidate  
9 or committee by the eligible individual for purposes of the  
10 Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30101  
11 et seq.).

12 (b) ENSURING ANONYMITY OF INDIVIDUALS DIRECT-  
13 ING PAYMENTS TO CANDIDATES AND COMMITTEES.—In  
14 making payments to candidates and political committees  
15 under this section at the request of an eligible individual,  
16 the Democracy Dollar Administrator shall take all prac-  
17 ticable steps to ensure that no information relating to the  
18 identity of the individual who requests that the payment  
19 be made to the candidate or committee is disclosed or oth-  
20 erwise made known to the candidate or the committee, in-  
21 cluding through the use of blind trusts or similar devices.

22 **SEC. 115. REMITTING UNEXPENDED PAYMENTS.**

23 (a) REMITTANCE REQUIRED.—Not later than the  
24 date that is 10 days after the date on which a candidate  
25 withdraws from an election or no longer qualifies to be  
26 on the ballot for an election, any authorized committee of

1 the candidate to which payments were made under the  
2 Program shall remit to the Democracy Dollars Fund  
3 under section 301 any amounts in the separate account  
4 established by the committee for payments received under  
5 the Program (as described in section 103(a)(3)) which re-  
6 main unexpended as of such date.

7 (b) REALLOCATION TO AMOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR  
8 PAYMENTS AT DIRECTION OF ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—  
9 To the greatest extent practicable, the Democracy Dollar  
10 Administrator shall increase the amounts available under  
11 this subtitle for an eligible individual to make payments  
12 under the Democracy Dollars Program to take into ac-  
13 count the remittance of unspent amounts under this sec-  
14 tion by an authorized committee that were attributable to  
15 payments made at the request of the eligible individual,  
16 and shall allocate such increase—

17 (1) to the House election share set forth for the  
18 individual under paragraph (1) of section 111(a), in  
19 the case of an authorized committee of a candidate  
20 for a House election;

21 (2) to the Senate election share set forth for  
22 the individual under paragraph (2) of section  
23 111(a), in the case of an authorized committee of a  
24 candidate for election to the office of Senator; and





1           (c) WEBSITE.—In carrying out the public outreach  
2 and education program under this subtitle, the Democracy  
3 Dollar Administrator, in consultation with the Democracy  
4 Fund Commission and such other persons as the Adminis-  
5 trator determines to be appropriate, shall develop, estab-  
6 lish, and update as necessary, a single State-sponsored  
7 public website through which the public may obtain, in an  
8 easy to understand and user-friendly format, information  
9 about the Democracy Dollar Program, including the abil-  
10 ity of eligible individuals to direct payments to be made  
11 to candidates and committees under the Program.

12           (d) SOCIAL MEDIA.—The Democracy Dollar Admin-  
13 istrator may use publicly available social media platforms  
14 to supplement the public outreach and education program  
15 under this subtitle and to support the operation of the  
16 public website developed and established under subsection  
17 (c).

18 **SEC. 122. REQUIRING MATERIALS TO BE PROVIDED IN MI-**  
19 **NORITY LANGUAGES.**

20           As part of carrying out the Democracy Dollar Pro-  
21 gram, the Democracy Dollar Administrator shall ensure  
22 that forms, materials, and information relating to the Pro-  
23 gram are provided in the applicable language of language  
24 minority groups, as defined in section 203 of the Voting  
25 Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. 10503).

1 **SEC. 123. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2       There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
3 this subtitle such sums as may be necessary for each of  
4 the fiscal years 2019 through 2023.

5       **TITLE II—DEMOCRACY FUND**  
6                                   **COMMISSION**

7 **SEC. 201. ESTABLISHMENT.**

8       There is hereby established the Democracy Fund  
9 Commission (in this Act referred to as the “Commis-  
10 sion”), which shall be responsible for administering the  
11 Democracy Dollars Program under this Act.

12 **SEC. 202. MEMBERSHIP.**

13       (a) APPOINTMENT.—

14               (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall be  
15 composed of 5 members appointed by the President  
16 with the advice and consent of the Senate.

17               (2) QUALIFICATIONS.—An individual is eligible  
18 to serve as a Member of the Commission if the indi-  
19 vidual is a retired judge of the United States.

20               (3) RESTRICTIONS ON OUTSIDE EMPLOY-  
21 MENT.—A member of the Commission may not en-  
22 gage in any other business, vocation, or employment.  
23 Any individual who is engaging in any other busi-  
24 ness, vocation, or employment at the time of the in-  
25 dividual’s appointment to the Commission shall ter-

1       minate or liquidate such activity no later than 90  
2       days after such appointment.

3               (4) VACANCIES; NO EFFECT ON AUTHORITY OF  
4       REMAINING MEMBERS.—A vacancy in the member-  
5       ship of the Commission shall be filled in the same  
6       manner as the original appointment, and shall have  
7       no effect on the authority of the remaining members  
8       of the Commission to carry out their duties under  
9       this Act.

10       (b) TERM OF SERVICE.—

11               (1) SINGLE 10-YEAR TERM.—Except as pro-  
12       vided in paragraphs (2) and (3), a member of the  
13       Commission shall serve for a term of 10 years, and  
14       may not be reappointed to an additional term, ex-  
15       cept that an individual may serve after the expira-  
16       tion of that individual's term until a successor has  
17       begun serving as a member of the Commission.

18               (2) STAGGERING OF INITIAL TERMS.—Of the  
19       members first appointed to the Commission—

20                       (A) one (as designated at the time of ap-  
21                       pointment) shall serve for a term of 2 years;

22                       (B) one (as designated at the time of ap-  
23                       pointment) shall serve for a term of 4 years;

1           (C) one (as designated at the time of ap-  
2           pointment) shall serve for a term of 6 years;  
3           and

4           (D) one (as designated at the time of ap-  
5           pointment) shall serve for a term of 8 years.

6           (3) PERMITTING INDIVIDUALS SERVING INITIAL  
7           STAGGERED TERM TO BE REAPPOINTED TO A FULL  
8           TERM.—An individual who is one of the members  
9           first appointed to the Commission to serve for an  
10          initial term of 2 years under subparagraph (A) of  
11          paragraph (2) or to serve for an initial term of 4  
12          years under subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) may  
13          be appointed subsequently to serve a term of 10  
14          years under paragraph (1).

15          (4) VACANCY.—An individual appointed to fill a  
16          vacancy occurring in the membership of the Com-  
17          mission before the expiration of the term for which  
18          the individual's predecessor was appointed shall  
19          serve only for the remainder of that term.

20          (e) COMPENSATION.—Each member of the Commis-  
21          sion shall receive compensation at a rate equivalent to the  
22          most recent rate of compensation applicable to the indi-  
23          vidual as a judge of the United States.

24          (d) PROCESS IN EVENT OF DEADLOCK.—If a vote  
25          by the members of the Commission on any matter results

1 in a tie, the vote of the longest-serving member (or, in  
2 the case of members first appointed to serve for initial  
3 terms under paragraph (2) of subsection (b), the vote of  
4 the member appointed for the longest term) shall prevail.

5 (e) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO EXECUTIVE  
6 SCHEDULE LEVEL IV POSITIONS.—Section 5315 of title  
7 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end  
8 the following:

9 “Member, Democracy Fund Commission.”.

10 **SEC. 203. STAFF.**

11 (a) AUTHORITY TO APPOINT STAFF.—The Commis-  
12 sion may appoint and fix the pay of such personnel as  
13 the Commission considers appropriate.

14 (b) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN CIVIL SERVICE  
15 LAWS.—The personnel of the Commission may be ap-  
16 pointed without regard to the provisions of title 5, United  
17 States Code, governing appointments in the competitive  
18 service, and may be paid without regard to the provisions  
19 of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of that  
20 title relating to classification and General Schedule pay  
21 rates, except that an individual so appointed may not re-  
22 ceive pay in excess of the annual rate of basic pay in effect  
23 for grade GS–15 of the General Schedule.

24 (c) EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.—The Commission  
25 may procure temporary and intermittent services to the

1 same extent as is authorized by section 3109(b) of title  
2 5, United States Code, but at rates for individuals not to  
3 exceed the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay  
4 in effect for grade GS–15 of the General Schedule (5  
5 U.S.C. 5332).

6 (d) STAFF OF FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Upon request  
7 of the Commission, the head of any Federal department  
8 or agency may detail, on a reimbursable basis, any of the  
9 personnel of that department or agency to the Commission  
10 to assist it in carrying out its duties.

11 **SEC. 204. FUNCTIONS.**

12 The Commission shall administer the Democracy  
13 Dollars Program under this Act. In administering the Pro-  
14 gram, the Commission shall carry out the following:

15 (1) The Commission shall promulgate regula-  
16 tions to carry out the Democracy Dollars Program,  
17 including regulations applicable to State implemen-  
18 tation plans under section 205, and shall review the  
19 regulations not less frequently than every 4 years.

20 (2) The Commission shall solicit and review ap-  
21 plications from States for the approval of State im-  
22 plementation plans under section 205(b).

23 (3) In the case of States whose implementation  
24 plans are approved under section 205(b), the Com-

1 mission shall monitor and audit the performance of  
2 such States in carrying out such plans.

3 (4) In accordance with section 206, the Com-  
4 mission carry out the Democracy Dollars Program  
5 with respect to States that do not have an approved  
6 implementation plan in effect.

7 (5) The Commission shall carry out such other  
8 activities as the Commission considers appropriate to  
9 administer the Democracy Dollars Program.

10 **SEC. 205. STATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION**  
11 **OF PROGRAM.**

12 (a) RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTRATION OF PRO-  
13 GRAM.—Except as provided in section 206, each State  
14 shall administer the Democracy Dollars Program with re-  
15 spect to individuals who are residents of the State, in ac-  
16 cordance with a State implementation plan approved by  
17 the Commission under subsection (b).

18 (b) APPROVAL OF STATE IMPLEMENTATION  
19 PLANS.—

20 (1) APPROVAL BY COMMISSION.—Each State  
21 shall submit its plan for administering the Democ-  
22 racy Dollars Program to the Commission, who shall  
23 approve the plan if the Commission finds that the  
24 plan meets each of the following conditions:

1           (A) The plan includes such provisions and  
2           safeguards as are necessary to ensure the effec-  
3           tive administration of the Program in the State  
4           in a nonpartisan and competent manner.

5           (B) If the plan permits the use of private  
6           financial intermediaries to assist in the proc-  
7           essing of requests made by eligible individuals  
8           to make payments to candidates and political  
9           committees under subtitle B of title I—

10                   (i) to the greatest extent feasible, the  
11                   State uses a competitive bidding process to  
12                   select such intermediaries for participation  
13                   in the implementation of the plan; and

14                   (ii) the plan requires these inter-  
15                   mediaries to meet the requirements of sec-  
16                   tion 114(b) (relating to ensuring the ano-  
17                   nymity of such individuals) and to take ac-  
18                   tions to deter fraud and abuse.

19           (C) The plan is overseen by a certified au-  
20           thority designated by the State.

21           (D) The plan meets such other require-  
22           ments as the Commission may by regulation re-  
23           quire.

24           (2) PERIOD FOR WHICH APPROVED PLAN IS IN  
25           EFFECT.—If the Commission approves a State plan



1 under this subsection, the plan shall be in effect for  
2 a 4-year period, and the Commission may extend the  
3 plan for additional 4-year periods at the request of  
4 the State if the Commission finds that the plan con-  
5 tinues to meet the conditions set forth in paragraph  
6 (1).

7 (c) PAYMENT OF COSTS OF IMPLEMENTATION.—

8 (1) AUTHORIZATION TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS.—

9 A State whose implementation plan under this sub-  
10 title is approved and in effect with respect to a year  
11 may receive payments from the Commission to cover  
12 the costs of carrying out the plan during the year,  
13 in the form of advance payments in accordance with  
14 paragraph (2) or reimbursement in accordance with  
15 paragraph (3), at the option of the State.

16 (2) ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE ADVANCE PAY-  
17 MENTS.—A State is eligible to receive advance pay-  
18 ments under this subsection with respect to a year  
19 if the State submits to the Commission, at such time  
20 and in such form as the Commission may require,  
21 an application containing—

22 (A) a statement of the reasonable and nec-  
23 essary costs the State expects to incur in car-  
24 rying out its implementation plan under this  
25 subtitle during the year; and

1 (B) such other information and assurances  
2 as the Commission may require.

3 (3) ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE REIMBURSE-  
4 MENT.—A State is eligible to receive reimbursement  
5 under this subsection for the reasonable and nec-  
6 essary costs the State incurred in carrying out its  
7 implementation plan during a year if the State sub-  
8 mits to the Commission, at such time and in such  
9 form as the Commission may require, an application  
10 containing—

11 (A) a statement of the reasonable and nec-  
12 essary costs the State incurred in carrying out  
13 its implementation plan during the year; and

14 (B) such other information and assurances  
15 as the Commission may require.

16 (4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
17 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums  
18 as are necessary for payments under this subsection.

19 (d) REVOCATION OF APPROVAL; RECAPTURE OF AD-  
20 VANCE PAYMENTS.—If the Commission determines that  
21 the implementation plan of a State whose implementation  
22 plan under this subtitle is approved is no longer in compli-  
23 ance with the applicable requirements for such a plan, or  
24 if the Commission determines that the State is admin-  
25 istering the plan in a biased or incompetent manner—

1           (1) the Commission shall revoke the approval of  
2           the plan; and

3           (2) the State shall repay the Commission for  
4           any advance payments made under subsection (c)  
5           with respect to any period during which the plan  
6           was not in compliance with such requirements or  
7           was administered in a biased or incompetent man-  
8           ner.

9 **SEC. 206. ADMINISTRATION OF PROGRAM IN CASE OF**  
10                                   **STATES WITHOUT APPROVED IMPLEMENTA-**  
11                                   **TION PLANS IN EFFECT.**

12           (a) ADMINISTRATION BY COMMISSION AUTHOR-  
13           IZED.—If a State does not have an approved State imple-  
14           mentation plan in effect with respect to a year under sec-  
15           tion 205, the Commission shall administer the Democracy  
16           Dollars Program during the year with respect to individ-  
17           uals who are residents of the State, in accordance with  
18           a Federal implementation plan for the State that meets  
19           the requirements of subsection (b).

20           (b) AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL RECEIVERSHIP IN  
21           CASE OF REVOCATION ON GROUNDS OF BIAS OR INCOM-  
22           PETENCE.—

23           (1) RECEIVERSHIP.—If a State does not have  
24           an approved State implementation plan in effect be-  
25           cause, in accordance with subsection (d) of section

1 205, the Commission revoked its approval of a State  
2 implementation plan on the grounds that the State  
3 administered the plan in a biased or incompetent  
4 manner, the Commission may file an action to ap-  
5 point a receiver to administer the Democracy Dollars  
6 Program in the State.

7 (2) PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERATION OF RE-  
8 QUEST FOR RECEIVERSHIP.—In any action brought  
9 by the Commission to appoint a receiver under this  
10 subsection, the following rules shall apply:

11 (A) The action shall be filed in the appro-  
12 priate district court of the United States and  
13 shall be heard by a 3-judge court convened pur-  
14 suant to section 2284 of title 28, United States  
15 Code.

16 (B) A final decision in the action shall be  
17 reviewable only by appeal directly to the Su-  
18 preme Court of the United States. Such appeal  
19 shall be taken by the filing of a notice of appeal  
20 within 10 days, and the filing of a jurisdictional  
21 statement within 30 days, of the entry of the  
22 final decision.

23 (C) It shall be the duty of the appropriate  
24 district court of the United States and the Su-  
25 preme Court of the United States to advance on

1 the docket and to expedite to the greatest ex-  
2 tent possible the disposition of the action and  
3 the appeal.

4 (c) FEDERAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN DE-  
5 SCRIBED.—A Federal implementation plan for a State  
6 meets the requirements of this subsection if—

7 (1) the plan meets the conditions described in  
8 paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 205(b) which  
9 would apply to a State implementation plan of the  
10 State under such section;

11 (2) to the extent that the Commission requests  
12 information and assistance from the State in order  
13 to carry out the plan, the plan provides for a method  
14 by which the Commission may reimburse the State  
15 for the costs incurred in providing such information  
16 and assistance; and

17 (3) the plan meets such other requirements as  
18 the Commission may require.

## 19 **TITLE III—DEMOCRACY** 20 **DOLLARS FUND**

### 21 **SEC. 301. DEMOCRACY DOLLARS FUND.**

22 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the  
23 Treasury of the United States a fund to be known as the  
24 “Democracy Dollars Fund” (hereafter referred to as the  
25 “Fund”).

1 (b) USES OF FUND.—Amounts in the Fund shall be  
2 used—

3 (1) for payments to candidates and political  
4 committees under subtitle B of title I;

5 (2) for advance payments and reimbursements  
6 to States under section 205;

7 (3) for payments to States as described in para-  
8 graph (2) of section 206(b); and

9 (4) for the administration of the Democracy  
10 Dollars Program by the Democracy Fund Commis-  
11 sion.

12 (c) CONTENTS OF FUND.—The Fund shall consist  
13 of—

14 (1) amounts appropriated or transferred to the  
15 Fund under law, including amounts transferred  
16 under section 9006(d)(2) of the Internal Revenue  
17 Code of 1986;

18 (2) repayments made by States under para-  
19 graph (2) of section 205(d);

20 (3) unspent payments under the Program which  
21 are remitted under section 115;

22 (4) civil penalties assessed under section 401;  
23 and

24 (5) interest earned on balances of the Fund.

1 (d) AUTHORITY TO MAKE PAYMENTS AT REQUEST  
 2 OF STATE OR DEMOCRACY FUND COMMISSION.—With re-  
 3 spect to a payment made under the Program at the direc-  
 4 tion of an eligible individual pursuant to section 112, the  
 5 Secretary of the Treasury shall make such payment from  
 6 the Fund upon the request of the Democracy Dollar Ad-  
 7 ministrator for the individual involved.

8 **SEC. 302. TERMINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAM-**  
 9 **PAIGN FUND; TRANSFER OF BALANCE TO DE-**  
 10 **MOCRACY DOLLARS FUND.**

11 (a) TERMINATION OF DESIGNATION OF INCOME TAX  
 12 PAYMENTS.—Section 6096 of the Internal Revenue Code  
 13 of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following  
 14 new subsection:

15 “(d) TERMINATION.—This section shall not apply to  
 16 taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016.”.

17 (b) TERMINATION OF FUND AND ACCOUNT.—

18 (1) TERMINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION  
 19 CAMPAIGN FUND.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 95 of subtitle  
 21 H of such Code is amended by adding at the  
 22 end the following new section:

23 **“SEC. 9014. TERMINATION.**

24 “The provisions of this chapter shall not apply with  
 25 respect to any presidential election (or any presidential

1 nominating convention) after the date of the enactment  
2 of this section, or to any candidate in such an election.”.

3 (B) TRANSFER OF REMAINING FUNDS.—

4 Section 9006 of such Code is amended by add-  
5 ing at the end the following new subsection:

6 “(d) TRANSFER OF FUNDS REMAINING AFTER TER-  
7 MINATION.—Of the amounts in the fund as of the date  
8 of the enactment of this subsection—

9 “(1) the Secretary shall transfer \$63,002,400  
10 to the 10-Year Pediatric Research Initiative Fund  
11 described in section 9008(i)(2), to be available as de-  
12 scribed in such section; and

13 “(2) the Secretary shall transfer the remainder  
14 to the Democracy Dollars Fund under title III of  
15 the Democracy Dollars Act.”.

16 (2) TERMINATION OF ACCOUNT.—Chapter 96  
17 of subtitle H of such Code is amended by adding at  
18 the end the following new section:

19 **“SEC. 9043. TERMINATION.**

20 “The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any  
21 candidate with respect to any presidential election after  
22 the date of the enactment of this section.”.

23 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—



1           (1) The table of sections for chapter 95 of sub-  
2           title H of such Code is amended by adding at the  
3           end the following new item:

“Sec. 9014. Termination.”.

4           (2) The table of sections for chapter 96 of sub-  
5           title H of such Code is amended by adding at the  
6           end the following new item:

“Sec. 9043. Termination.”.

7           **TITLE IV—MISCELLANEOUS**  
8           **PROVISIONS**

9           **SEC. 401. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.**

10          (a) **IMPROPER USE OF DEMOCRACY DOLLARS PAY-**  
11 **MENTS.**—If the Democracy Dollar Administrator deter-  
12 mines that any payment made under this Act to a can-  
13 didate or committee was not used as provided for in this  
14 Act, the Administrator shall so notify the candidate or  
15 committee, and may impose a civil penalty on the can-  
16 didate or committee in an amount equal to 500 percent  
17 of the amount of the payment that was used improperly.

18          (b) **IMPROPER USE OF OUTSIDE FUNDS BY CAN-**  
19 **DIDATES AND AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES RECEIVING DE-**  
20 **MOCRACY DOLLAR PAYMENTS.**—If the Democracy Dollar  
21 Administrator determines that a candidate, including an  
22 authorized committee of the candidate, receiving a pay-  
23 ment under this Act with respect to an election used  
24 amounts in connection with an election occurring in the

1 election cycle involved in violation of section 103(c), the  
2 Administrator shall so notify the candidate or committee,  
3 and may impose a civil penalty on the candidate or com-  
4 mittee in an amount equal to 200 percent of the amounts  
5 used by the candidate or committee in violation of section  
6 103(c) in connection with the election.

7 (c) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—

8 (1) IMPOSITION OF PENALTY.—Any person who  
9 knowingly and willfully commits a violation of this  
10 Act which involves the making, receiving, or report-  
11 ing of any amounts—

12 (A) aggregating \$25,000 or more during a  
13 calendar year shall be fined under title 18,  
14 United States Code, or imprisoned for not more  
15 than 5 years, or both; or

16 (B) aggregating \$2,000 or more (but less  
17 than \$25,000) during a calendar year shall be  
18 fined under title 18, United States Code, or im-  
19 prisoned for not more than 1 year, or both.

20 (2) REFERRAL TO ATTORNEY GENERAL.—If the  
21 Democracy Dollar Administrator determines that  
22 there is probable cause to believe that a knowing  
23 and willful violation of this Act has occurred, the  
24 Administrator may refer such apparent violation to  
25 the Attorney General.

1 **SEC. 402. DEMOCRACY DOLLAR ADMINISTRATOR DEFINED.**

2 In this Act, the “Democracy Dollar Administrator”  
3 with respect to an eligible individual is—

4 (1) in the case of an individual who is a resi-  
5 dent of a State with a State implementation plan  
6 approved by the Democracy Fund Commission under  
7 section 205(b), the official of the State who is des-  
8 ignated to administer the Democracy Dollars Pro-  
9 gram in the State under such plan; or

10 (2) in the case of an individual who is not a  
11 resident of a State described in paragraph (1), the  
12 Democracy Fund Commission under section 206.

13 **SEC. 403. OTHER DEFINITIONS.**

14 In this Act—

15 (1) each of the terms “candidate”, “election”,  
16 “authorized committee”, and “political committee”  
17 has the meaning given such term in the Federal  
18 Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30101 et  
19 seq.);

20 (2) the term “election cycle” means, with re-  
21 spect to an office, the period beginning on the day  
22 after the date of the most recent regularly scheduled  
23 general election for such office and ending on the  
24 date of the next regularly scheduled general election  
25 for such office;

1           (3) the term “House election” means an elec-  
2           tion for the office of Representative in, or Delegate  
3           or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress; and

4           (4) the term “State” means each of the several  
5           States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth  
6           of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the United  
7           States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the  
8           Northern Mariana Islands.

## 9           **TITLE V—SEVERABILITY**

### 10       **SEC. 501. SEVERABILITY.**

11       If any provision of this Act or any amendment made  
12       by this Act, or the application of a provision of this Act  
13       or an amendment made by this Act to any person or cir-  
14       cumstance, is held to be unconstitutional, the remainder  
15       of this Act, and the application of the provisions to any  
16       person or circumstance, shall not be affected by the hold-  
17       ing.

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