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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 1, 2007

Mr. PETRI (for himself, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. KIND, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. HOLDEN, and Mr. FORTENBERRY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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.
4 This Act may be cited as the “Push Poll Disclosure
5 Act of 2007”.

SEC. 2. DISCLOSURE AND REPORTS RELATING TO POLLING BY TELEPHONE OR ELECTRONIC DEVICE.

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

“DISCLOSURE AND REPORTS RELATING TO POLLING BY TELEPHONE OR ELECTRONIC DEVICE

“SEC. 325. (a) Disclosure to Respondents.—Any person who conducts a Federal election poll by telephone or electronic device shall disclose to each respondent the identity of the person paying the expenses of the poll. The disclosure shall be made at the end of the interview involved.

“(b) Reports to Commission.—In the case of any Federal election poll by telephone or electronic device—

“(1) if the results are not to be made public, the person who conducts the poll shall report to the Commission the total cost of the poll and all sources of funds for the poll; and

“(2) the person who conducts the poll shall report to the Commission the total number of households contacted and include with such report a copy of the poll questions.

“(c) Federal Election Poll Defined.—As used in this section, the term ‘Federal election poll’ means a survey—

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“(1) in which the respondent is asked to state opinions or views regarding a future election for Federal office; and

“(2) in which more than 1,200 households are surveyed.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to elections occurring after December 31, 2007.