



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 4, 1999

H.R. 1867 **Campaign Integrity Act of 1999**

As ordered reported by the Committee on House Administration on August 2, 1999

Effective for elections held after January 2001, H.R. 1867 would make numerous amendments to the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971. It would ban the solicitation and use of “soft money” by national political parties and candidates, increase certain limits on contributions and expenditures, index limits on contributions, require additional filings by political committees, and require electronic filing of information for campaigns that spend or raise more than \$50,000. Subject to the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1867 would cost the Federal Election Commission less than \$500,000 a year.

Because H.R. 1867 could affect the collection of fines and penalties from violations of campaign finance laws, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. CBO estimates that any change in the amount of penalties and fines, which are recorded as governmental receipts, would not be significant.

H.R. 1867 contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. The bill would create new private-sector mandates, as defined in UMRA, on candidates, political parties, state party organizations, and certain individuals and advocacy groups. CBO has not yet completed an estimate of the costs of those mandates, but will provide such an estimate at a later date.

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