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H. R. 5884

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 14, 2016

Mr. RUIZ 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 “Campaign Spending
5 Integrity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PAY-**
2 **MENTS TO VENDORS OWNED OR CON-**
3 **TROLLED BY CANDIDATE.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION.—Section 313(b) of the Federal
5 Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30114(b)) is
6 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
7 graph:

8 “(3) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS TO VENDORS
9 OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY CANDIDATE AS CON-
10 VERSION.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of para-
12 graph (1), a contribution to an authorized com-
13 mittee of a candidate shall be considered to be
14 converted to the personal use of the candidate
15 if the contribution is used to make a payment
16 to a vendor which is owned or controlled by the
17 candidate.

18 “(B) DETERMINATION OF OWNERSHIP
19 AND CONTROL.—For purposes of subparagraph
20 (A), a vendor shall be considered to be owned
21 or controlled by a candidate if the candidate—

22 “(i) is a member of the board of di-
23 rectors or similar governing body of the
24 vendor; or

1 “(ii) directly or indirectly owns or
2 controls 51 percent or more of the voting
3 shares of the vendor.”.

4 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
5 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to payments made
6 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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