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S. 3257

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the use of public funds for political party conventions, and to provide for the return of previously distributed funds for deficit reduction.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 4, 2012

Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. BURR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and 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. PROHIBITING USE OF PRESIDENTIAL ELEC-**
4 **TION CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PARTY CONVEN-**
5 **TIONS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 95 of the Internal Rev-
7 enue Code of 1986 is amended by striking section 9008.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 2 of chapter 95 of such Code is amended by striking the
 3 item relating to section 9008.

4 **SEC. 2. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

5 (a) AVAILABILITY OF PAYMENTS TO CANDIDATES.—
 6 The third sentence of section 9006(c) of the Internal Rev-
 7 enue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “, section
 8 9008(b)(3),”.

9 (b) REPORTS BY FEDERAL ELECTION COMMIS-
 10 SION.—Section 9009(a) of such Code is amended—

11 (1) by adding “and” at the end of paragraph
 12 (2);

13 (2) by striking the semicolon at the end of
 14 paragraph (3) and inserting a period; and

15 (3) by striking paragraphs (4), (5), and (6).

16 (c) PENALTIES.—Section 9012 of such Code is
 17 amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking the second
 19 sentence; and

20 (2) in subsection (c), by striking paragraph (2)
 21 and redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (2).

22 (d) AVAILABILITY OF PAYMENTS FROM PRESI-
 23 DENTIAL PRIMARY MATCHING PAYMENT ACCOUNT.—The
 24 second sentence of section 9037(a) of such Code is amend-

1 ed by striking “and for payments under section
2 9008(b)(3)”.

3 **SEC. 3. RETURN OF PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED MONEY FOR**
4 **DEFICIT REDUCTION.**

5 Any amount which is returned by the national com-
6 mittee of a major party or a minor party to the general
7 fund of the Treasury from an account established under
8 section 9008 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 after
9 the date of the enactment of this Act shall be dedicated
10 to the sole purpose of deficit reduction.

11 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

12 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with
13 respect to elections occurring after December 31, 2012.

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