

116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 3586

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 25, 2020

Ms. ERNST (for herself and Mr. PAUL) introduced the following bill; which  
was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

To reduce Federal spending and fund the acquisition of unexpired personal protective equipment (including face masks) for the strategic national stockpile by terminating taxpayer financing of Presidential election campaigns.

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 “Eliminating Leftover  
5 Expenses for Campaigns from Taxpayers (ELECT) Act  
6 of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF TAXPAYER FINANCING OF PRESI-**  
 2 **DENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGNS.**

3 (a) TERMINATION OF DESIGNATION OF INCOME TAX  
 4 PAYMENTS.—Section 6096 of the Internal Revenue Code  
 5 of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following  
 6 new subsection:

7 “(d) TERMINATION.—This section shall not apply to  
 8 taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019.”.

9 (b) TERMINATION OF FUND AND ACCOUNT.—

10 (1) TERMINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION  
 11 CAMPAIGN FUND.—

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

15 **“SEC. 9013. TERMINATION.**

16 “The provisions of this chapter shall not apply with  
 17 respect to any Presidential election (or any Presidential  
 18 nominating convention) after the date of the enactment  
 19 of this section, or to any candidate in such an election.”.

20 (B) TRANSFER OF REMAINING FUNDS.—

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

23 “(d) TRANSFER OF FUNDS REMAINING AFTER TER-  
 24 MINATION.—The Secretary shall transfer the amounts in  
 25 the fund as of the date of the enactment of this subsection  
 26 to the Department of Health and Human Services to be

1 used to acquire unexpired personal protective equipment  
 2 (including face masks) for the strategic national stockpile  
 3 under section 319F–2 of the Public Health Service Act.”.

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

7 **“SEC. 9043. TERMINATION.**

8 “The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any  
 9 candidate with respect to any Presidential election after  
 10 the date of the enactment of this section.”.

11 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

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

“Sec. 9013. Termination.”.

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

“Sec. 9043. Termination.”.

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