candidates and political committees under paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of section 441a(a) of this title; and

(ii) are not from sources prohibited by this Act from making contributions in connection with an election for Federal office.

## (2) State law

Paragraph (1) does not apply to the solicitation, receipt, or spending of funds by an individual described in such paragraph who is or was also a candidate for a State or local office solely in connection with such election for State or local office if the solicitation, receipt, or spending of funds is permitted under State law and refers only to such State or local candidate, or to any other candidate for the State or local office sought by such candidate, or both.

## (3) Fundraising events

Notwithstanding paragraph (1) or subsection (b)(2)(C) of this section, a candidate or an individual holding Federal office may attend, speak, or be a featured guest at a fundraising event for a State, district, or local committee of a political party.

# (4) Permitting certain solicitations

# (A) General solicitations

Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, an individual described in paragraph (1) may make a general solicitation of funds on behalf of any organization that is described in section 501(c) of title 26 and exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of such title (or has submitted an application for determination of tax exempt status under such section) (other than an entity whose principal purpose is to conduct activities described in clauses (i) and (ii) of section 431(20)(A) of this title) where such solicitation does not specify how the funds will or should be spent.

## (B) Certain specific solicitations

In addition to the general solicitations permitted under subparagraph (A), an individual described in paragraph (1) may make a solicitation explicitly to obtain funds for carrying out the activities described in clauses (i) and (ii) of section 431(20)(A) of this title, or for an entity whose principal purpose is to conduct such activities, if—

(i) the solicitation is made only to individuals; and

(ii) the amount solicited from any individual during any calendar year does not exceed \$20,000.

# (f) State candidates

#### (1) In general

A candidate for State or local office, individual holding State or local office, or an agent of such a candidate or individual may not spend any funds for a communication described in section 431(20)(A)(iii) of this title unless the funds are subject to the limitations, prohibitions, and reporting requirements of this Act.

## (2) Exception for certain communications

Paragraph (1) shall not apply to an individual described in such paragraph if the communication involved is in connection with an election for such State or local office and refers only to such individual or to any other candidate for the State or local office held or sought by such individual, or both.

(Pub. L. 92–225, title III, §323, as added Pub. L. 107–155, title I, §101(a), Mar. 27, 2002, 116 Stat. 82.)

#### References in Text

This Act, referred to in text, means the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, as defined by section 431 of this title.

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 441i, Pub. L. 92–225, title III, §323, formerly §328, as added Pub. L. 94–283, title I, §112(2), May 11, 1976, 90 Stat. 494; amended Pub. L. 95–216, title V, §502(a), Dec. 20, 1977, 91 Stat. 1565; renumbered §323, Pub. L. 96–187, title I, §105(5), Jan. 8, 1980, 93 Stat. 1354; amended Pub. L. 97–51, §130(a), Oct. 1, 1981, 95 Stat. 966; Pub. L. 98–63, title I, §908(g), July 30, 1983, 97 Stat. 338; Pub. L. 101–194, title VI, §601(b)(1), Nov. 30, 1989, 103 Stat. 1762; Pub. L. 101–280, §7(b)(1) [(d)(1)], May 4, 1990, 104 Stat. 161, related to acceptance of excessive honorariums, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102–90, title I, §6(d), Aug. 14, 1991, 105 Stat. 451.

A prior section 323 of Pub. L. 92-225 was renumbered section 318, and is classified to section 441d of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Nov. 6, 2002, except that subsec. (b) of this section not applicable with respect to runoff elections, recounts, or election contests resulting from elections held prior to Nov. 6, 2002, with transitional rules for the spending of soft money of national political parties, see section 402 of Pub. L. 107–155, set out as an Effective Date of 2002 Amendment; Regulations note under section 431 of this title.

## §441j. Repealed. Pub. L. 96–187, title I, §105(1), Jan. 8, 1980, 93 Stat. 1354

Section, Pub. L. 92–225, title III, 329, as added Pub. L. 94–283, title I, 112(2), May 11, 1976, 90 Stat. 494, set forth provisions respecting penalties for violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Jan. 8, 1980, see section 301(a) of Pub. L. 96-187, set out as an Effective Date of 1980 Amendment note under section 431 of this title.

#### §441k. Prohibition of contributions by minors

An individual who is 17 years old or younger shall not make a contribution to a candidate or a contribution or donation to a committee of a political party.

(Pub. L. 92–225, title III, §324, as added Pub. L. 107–155, title III, §318, Mar. 27, 2002, 116 Stat. 109.)

#### CONSTITUTIONALITY

See Congressional Research Service, The Constitution of the United States of America: Analysis and Interpretation, Appendix 1, Acts of Congress Held Unconstitutional in Whole or in Part by the Supreme Court of the United States.

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 324 of Pub. L. 92-225 was renumbered section 319, and is classified to section 441e of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Nov. 6, 2002, but not applicable with respect to runoff elections, recounts, or election contests resulting from elections held prior to Nov. 6, 2002,