

(Added Pub. L. 92-178, title VIII, §801, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 565; amended Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, §404(a), (b), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1291; Pub. L. 94-283, title III, §§301(a), 307(d), May 11, 1976, 90 Stat. 497, 501; Pub. L. 110-172, §11(a)(42)(B), Dec. 29, 2007, 121 Stat. 2488.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 315(b)(1)(B) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, referred to in subsec. (a)(1), is classified to section 30116(b)(1)(B) of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

AMENDMENTS

2007—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 110-172 substituted “section 315(b)(1)(B)” for “section 320(b)(1)(B)”.

1976—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 94-283, §307(d), substituted “section 320(b)(1)(B) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971” for “section 608(c)(1)(B) of title 18, United States Code”.

Subsecs. (d), (e). Pub. L. 94-283, §301(a), added subsecs. (d) and (e).

1974—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 93-443, §404(a), substituted provision which limited aggregate amount of payments to eligible candidates to an amount not exceeding the expenditure limitations applicable to such candidates under section 608(c)(1)(B) of title 18 for prior provision which determined the amount by multiplying 15 cents by the total number of residents within the United States who attained the age of 18, determined by the Bureau of the Census, as of the first day of June of the year preceding the year of the presidential election.

Subsec. (a)(2)(A). Pub. L. 93-443, §404(b)(1), substituted “allowed” for “computed”.

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 93-443, §404(b)(2), substituted “allowed” for “computed” in first sentence.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 94-283, title III, §301(b), May 11, 1976, 90 Stat. 498, as amended by Pub. L. 99-514, §2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095, provided that: “For purposes of applying section 9004(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [formerly I.R.C. 1954], as added by subsection (a), expenditures made by an individual after January 29, 1976, and before the date of the enactment of this Act [May 11, 1976] shall not be taken into account.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1974 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-443 applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1974, see section 410(c)(1) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as a note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

§ 9005. Certification by Commission

(a) Initial certifications

Not later than 10 days after the candidates of a political party for President and Vice President of the United States have met all applicable conditions for eligibility to receive payments under this chapter set forth in section 9003, the Commission shall certify to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment to such eligible candidates under section 9006 payment in full of amounts to which such candidates are entitled under section 9004.

(b) Finality of certifications and determinations

Initial certifications by the Commission under subsection (a), and all determinations made by it under this chapter, shall be final and conclusive, except to the extent that they are subject to examination and audit by the Commission under section 9007 and judicial review under section 9011.

(Added Pub. L. 92-178, title VIII, §801, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 566; amended Pub. L. 93-443, title

IV, §§404(c)(6), (7), 405(a), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1292, 1293; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(C), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834.)

AMENDMENTS

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-455 substituted “Secretary of the Treasury” for “Secretary”.

1974—Pub. L. 93-443, §404(c)(6), substituted “Commission” for “Comptroller General” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 93-443, §405(a), substituted provision for certification by the Commission not later than 10 days after the candidates of a political party for President and Vice President have met all applicable conditions for eligibility to receive payments under this chapter set forth in section 9003 of this title for prior provision for certification by the Comptroller General on the basis of the evidence, books, records, and information furnished by the eligible candidates of a political party and prior to examination and audit under section 9007 of this title.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 93-443, §404(c)(7), substituted “Commission” for “Comptroller General” wherever appearing and “it” for “him”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1974 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-443 applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1974, see section 410(c)(1) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as a note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

§ 9006. Payments to eligible candidates

(a) Establishment of campaign fund

There is hereby established on the books of the Treasury of the United States a special fund to be known as the “Presidential Election Campaign Fund”. The Secretary of the Treasury shall, from time to time, transfer to the fund an amount not in excess of the sum of the amounts designated (subsequent to the previous Presidential election) to the fund by individuals under section 6096. There is appropriated to the fund for each fiscal year, out of amounts in the general fund of the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, an amount equal to the amounts so designated during each fiscal year, which shall remain available to the fund without fiscal year limitation.

(b) Payments from the fund

Upon receipt of a certification from the Commission under section 9005 for payment to the eligible candidates of a political party, the Secretary of the Treasury shall pay to such candidates out of the fund the amount certified by the Commission. Amounts paid to any such candidates shall be under the control of such candidates.

(c) Insufficient amounts in fund

If at the time of a certification by the Commission under section 9005 for payment to the eligible candidates of a political party, the Secretary determines that the moneys in the fund are not, or may not be, sufficient to satisfy the full entitlements of the eligible candidates of all political parties, he shall withhold from such payment such amount as he determines to be necessary to assure that the eligible candidates of each political party will receive their pro rata share of their full entitlement. Amounts withheld by reason of the preceding sentence shall be paid when the Secretary determines that there are sufficient moneys in the fund to pay such

amounts, or portions thereof, to all eligible candidates from whom amounts have been withheld, but, if there are not sufficient moneys in the fund to satisfy the full entitlement of the eligible candidates of all political parties, the amounts so withheld shall be paid in such manner that the eligible candidates of each political party receive their pro rata share of their full entitlement. In any case in which the Secretary determines that there are insufficient moneys in the fund to make payments under subsection (b), section 9008(i)(2), and section 9037(b), moneys shall not be made available from any other source for the purpose of making such payments.

(Added Pub. L. 92-178, title VIII, §801, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 567; amended Pub. L. 93-53, §6(b), July 1, 1973, 87 Stat. 138; Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, §§403(a), 404(c)(8), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1291, 1292; Pub. L. 94-283, title III, §302, May 11, 1976, 90 Stat. 498; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §§1906(b)(13)(A), (B), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834; Pub. L. 110-172, §11(a)(43), Dec. 29, 2007, 121 Stat. 2488; Pub. L. 113-94, §2(b)(1), Apr. 3, 2014, 128 Stat. 1085.)

AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 113-94 substituted “section 9008(i)(2),” for “section 9008(b)(3).”

2007—Pub. L. 110-172, which directed substitution of “Commission” for “Comptroller General” wherever appearing, could not be executed, because “Comptroller General” did not appear subsequent to amendment by Pub. L. 93-443, §404(c)(8). See 1974 Amendment note below.

1976—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 94-455 substituted “Secretary of the Treasury” for “Secretary”.

Pub. L. 94-283, §302(a), redesignated subsec. (c) as (b). Former subsec. (b), directing that moneys remaining in the fund after a Presidential election be transferred to the general fund of the Treasury, was struck out.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 94-455, §1906(b)(13)(A), struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary”.

Pub. L. 94-283, §302(a), (b), redesignated subsec. (d) as (c) and inserted provision that moneys not be made available from other sources for the purpose of making payments whenever the Secretary or his delegate determines that there are insufficient moneys in the fund to make payments under subsec. (b), section 9008(b)(3), and section 9037(b). Former subsec. (c) redesignated (b).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 94-283, §302(a), redesignated subsec. (d) as (c).

1974—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 93-443, §403(a), substituted “from time to time” for “as provided by Appropriation Acts” and appropriated moneys for the Campaign Fund for each fiscal year out of the general fund of the Treasury.

Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 93-443, §404(c)(8), substituted “Commission” for “Comptroller General” wherever appearing.

1973—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 93-53 struck out second sentence requiring the Secretary to maintain in the fund (1) a separate account for the candidates of each major party, each minor party, and each new party for which a specific designation is made under section 6096 for payment into an account in the fund and (2) a general account for which no specific designation is made, and in the last sentences, substituted “transfer to the fund”, “Presidential”, and “to the fund by individuals under section 6096”, for “transfer to each account in the fund”, “presidential”, and “to such account by individuals under section 6096 for payment into such account of the fund”, respectively.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 93-53 substituted “Presidential” for “presidential”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 93-53 substituted provisions for payment “out of the fund”, for such payment “out of

the specific account in the fund” and struck out penultimate sentence limiting payments to eligible candidates from the account designated for them to the amounts in such account at the time of payment.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 93-53 substituted provisions for payments to eligible candidates when there are insufficient amounts in the fund, for former provisions respecting transfers from general account to separate accounts to remedy insufficient moneys to satisfy any unpaid entitlement of the eligible candidates.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1974 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-443 applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1974, see section 410(c)(1) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as a note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO CAMPAIGN FUND

Pub. L. 93-443, title IV, §403(b), Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1291, as amended by Pub. L. 99-514, §2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095, provided that: “In addition to the amounts appropriated to the Presidential Election Campaign Fund established under section 9006 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [formerly I.R.C. 1954] (relating to payments to eligible candidates) by the last sentence of subsection (a) of such section (as amended by subsection (a) of this section), there is appropriated to such fund an amount equal to the sum of the amounts designated for payment under section 6096 of such Code (relating to designation by individuals to the Presidential Election Campaign Fund) before January 1, 1975, not otherwise taken into account under the provisions of such section 9006, as amended by this section.”

[Provision effective Jan. 1, 1975, see section 410(a) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as a note under section 30101 of Title 52, Voting and Elections.]

DESIGNATION TO THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN FUND

Designation made under section 6096 of this title (as in effect for taxable years beginning before Jan. 1, 1973) for the account of the candidates of any specified political party treated solely as a designation to the Presidential Election Campaign Fund, see section 6(d) of Pub. L. 93-53, set out as a note under section 6096 of this title.

§ 9007. Examinations and audits; repayments

(a) Examinations and audits

After each presidential election, the Commission shall conduct a thorough examination and audit of the qualified campaign expenses of the candidates of each political party for President and Vice President.

(b) Repayments

(1) If the Commission determines that any portion of the payments made to the eligible candidates of a political party under section 9006 was in excess of the aggregate payments to which candidates were entitled under section 9004, it shall so notify such candidates, and such candidates shall pay to the Secretary of the Treasury an amount equal to such portion.

(2) If the Commission determines that the eligible candidates of a political party and their authorized committees incurred qualified campaign expenses in excess of the aggregate payments to which the eligible candidates of a major party were entitled under section 9004, it shall notify such candidates of the amount of such excess and such candidates shall pay to the Secretary of the Treasury an amount equal to such amount.

(3) If the Commission determines that the eligible candidates of a major party or any author-