

What Congressmen **Won't** Be Able to Do *in late October of an Election Year* if McCain-Feingold Becomes Law

The McCain-Feingold bill that recently passed the Senate, self-titled the “Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2001,” is loaded with one restriction after another. In fact, for example, in the 13,000-word bill that passed the Senate, variations of the word “limit” appear 63 times, “require” 43 times, and “prohibit” 19 times. “Shall” and “shall not” appear for a combined total of 145 times. The new restrictions on campaign activity do not just apply to citizens and political party committees. Members of Congress are also targets of the McCain-Feingold limitation machine.

If the McCain-Feingold bill becomes law, in the final weeks leading up to a federal election, congressmen will ***not*** be able to (for example):

- Meet with citizens groups without the risk of such meetings falling under Federal Election Commission regulations (including civil and criminal penalties)
- Appear in an advertisement endorsing a state or local candidate if the ad is paid for by the state or local candidate
- Raise money for a leadership PAC established under state law
- Raise unrestricted funds for their own political parties
- Loan whatever they want to their *own* campaigns
- Appear in a TV ad paid for by a trade association or labor union

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