

MCGOVERN RESOLUTION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 20

113th CONGRESS 1st Session IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES January 22, 2013

Mr. MCGOVERN (for himself, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. HOLT, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. LANGEVIN, and Ms. SHEA-PORTER) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States:

JOINT RESOLUTION Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures with respect to elections.

ARTICLE

Section 1: To advance the fundamental principle of political equality for all, Congress shall have power to regulate the raising and spending of money and in-kind equivalents with respect to Federal elections, including through setting limits on:

- (1) the amount of contributions to candidates for nomination for election to, or for election to, Federal office; and
- (2) the amount of expenditures that may be made by, in support of, or in opposition to such candidates.

Section 2: To advance the fundamental principle of political equality for all, a State shall have power to regulate the raising and spending of money and in-kind equivalents with respect to State elections, including through setting limits on:

- (1) the amount of contributions to candidates for nomination for election to, or for election to, State office; and
- (2) the amount of expenditures that may be made by, in support of, or in opposition to such candidates.

Section 3: Congress shall have power to implement and enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

MCGOVERN RESOLUTION (2nd)

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 21

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Mr. MCGOVERN (for himself, Mr. JONES, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. FARR, Mr. DEFAZIO, and Ms. LEE of California) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to clarify the authority of Congress and the States to regulate corporations, limited liability companies or other corporate entities established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States:

ARTICLE

Section 1: We the people who ordain and establish this Constitution intend the rights protected by this Constitution to be the rights of natural persons.

Section 2: The words people, person, or citizen as used in this Constitution do not include corporations, limited liability companies or other corporate entities established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state, and such corporate entities are subject to such regulation as the people, through their elected State and Federal representatives, deem reasonable and are otherwise consistent with the powers of Congress and the States under this Constitution.

Section 3: Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit the people's rights of freedom of speech, freedom of the press, free exercise of religion, freedom of association and all such other rights of the people, which rights are unalienable.'

EDWARDS RESOLUTION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 25

113th CONGRESS 1st Session IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES February 6, 2013

Ms. EDWARDS (for herself, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. ESTY, Mr. GRAYSON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HIMES, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. COHEN, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Ms. HAHN, Ms. BASS, Mr. WELCH, and Mrs. DAVIS of California) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States:

ARTICLE

SECTION 1: Nothing in this Constitution shall prohibit Congress and the States from imposing content-neutral regulations and restrictions on the expenditure of funds for political activity by any corporation, limited liability company, or other corporate entity, including but not limited to contributions in support of, or in opposition to, a candidate for public office.

Section 2: Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to abridge the freedom of the press.

NOLAN RESOLUTION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 29

113th CONGRESS 1st Session IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES February 14, 2013

Mr. NOLAN (for himself and Mr. POCAN) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years after the date of its submission for ratification:

ARTICLE

Section 1: The rights protected by the Constitution of the United States are the rights of natural persons only. Artificial entities, such as corporations, limited liability companies, and other entities, established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state shall have no rights under this Constitution and are subject to regulation by the People, through Federal, State, or local law. The privileges of artificial entities shall be determined by the People, through Federal, State, or local law, and shall not be construed to be inherent or inalienable.

Section 2: Federal, State and local government shall regulate, limit, or prohibit contributions and expenditures, including a candidate's own contributions and expenditures, for the purpose of influencing in any way the election of any candidate for public office or any ballot measure. Federal, State and local government shall require that any permissible contributions and expenditures be publicly disclosed. The judiciary shall not construe the spending of money to influence elections to be speech under the First Amendment.

Section 3: Nothing contained in this amendment shall be construed to abridge the freedom of the press.

DEUTCH RESOLUTION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 34

113th CONGRESS 1st Session IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES March 12, 2013

Mr. DEUTCH (for himself, Ms. CHU, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. MORAN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHRADER, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. WELCH, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. KEATING, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. PASCARELL, Mr. GRAYSON, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, and Ms. JACKSON LEE) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to restore the rights of the American people that were taken away by the Supreme Court's decision in the Citizens United case and related decisions, to protect the integrity of our elections, and to limit the corrosive influence of money in our democratic process.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States:

ARTICLE

Section 1: Whereas the right to vote in public elections belongs only to natural persons as citizens of the United States, so shall the ability to make contributions and expenditures to influence the outcome of public elections belong only to natural persons in accordance with this Article.

Section 2: Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to restrict the power of Congress and the States to protect the integrity and fairness of the electoral process, limit the corrupting influence of private wealth in public elections, and guarantee the dependence of elected officials on the people alone by taking actions which may include the establishment of systems of public financing for elections, the imposition of requirements to ensure the disclosure of contributions and expenditures made to influence the outcome of a public election by candidates, individuals, and associations of individuals, and the imposition of content neutral limitations on all such contributions and expenditures.

Section 3: Nothing in this Article shall be construed to alter the freedom of the press.

Section 4: Congress and the States shall have the power to enforce this Article through appropriate legislation.