

MCGOVERN RESOLUTION (1st)

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 20

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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.