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1 **Joint Resolution {~~Urging Congress to Propose an Amendment to the United States Constitution~~} Emphasizing State Authority in Election Governance**

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Kirk A. Cullimore

House Sponsor:

3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5 This resolution calls ~~{on}~~ upon Utah's members of the United States Congress to ~~{propose an amendment to}~~ uphold the ~~{United States Constitution}~~ principles of federalism.

7 **Highlighted Provisions:**

8 This resolution:

9 ▶ highlights the interests of the individual states of the United States to regulate ~~{the spending of money to influence campaigns, elections, or ballot measures}~~ elections; and

11 ▶ calls upon Utah's members of the United States Congress to ~~{propose an amendment to the United States Constitution that clarifies that the states may reasonably regulate and limit}~~ uphold the principles of federalism in relation to the ~~{spending}~~ ability of ~~{money}~~ states to ~~{influence campaigns, elections, or ballot measures}~~ govern election processes.

13 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

14 None

15 None

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Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, Utah Constitution Article I, Section 2, recognizes that "All political power is inherent in the people; and all free governments are founded on their authority for their equal protection and benefit";

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution affirms that any powers not delegated to the federal government are reserved to the states or the people, reinforcing the principle of federalism;

WHEREAS, the ~~{state}~~ states have long served as laboratories of ~~{Utah has a compelling sovereign interest in fostering robust}~~ democracy, uniquely positioned
~~{political debate and self-government, protecting the free speech interests of all individuals,~~
~~{securing the liberty and political equality of citizens of Utah, guarding against corruption, and}~~
~~{advancing federalism and the interests of the several states;}~~

~~WHEREAS, each state is equipped to determine how reasonable regulations of money used~~
to ~~{influence the outcomes of elections would secure}~~ establish election laws and policies that
reflect the needs and interests of ~~{the state's}~~ their citizens ~~{to be}~~ ;

WHEREAS, a robust system of state-led election governance strengthens self-government,
~~{properly represented, to participate in elections and}~~ promotes accountability, to participate in
elections and ~~{to be self-governed, and would protect}~~ preserves the integrity of the electoral process by
ensuring that

~~{integrity of elections and government against out-of-state and foreign interests and undue~~
~~{influence of wealthy special interests, whether of corporations, unions, or other artificial}~~
~~{entities;}~~

~~{WHEREAS, over the past five decades, the United States Supreme Court has gradually}~~
~~{come to equate unlimited election spending with free speech;}~~

~~{WHEREAS, unlimited election spending is difficult to trace and often comes from}~~
~~{out-of-state and foreign interests;}~~

~~{WHEREAS, unlimited election spending is diluting the free speech interests of actual}~~
~~{constituents, narrowing debate, weakening federalism and self-governance in the states, and}~~
increasing the risk of systemic corruption; and}

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the people of each state determine how best to protect their representation and participation in democratic processes;

WHEREAS, the Framers of the United States Constitution ~~{ wisely created a process to }~~
recognized the role of the states

~~{ amend the United States Constitution when necessary to make the United States Constitution and our perpetual union more perfect and to protect and preserve self-government and liberty: }~~

in structuring election laws and mechanisms, understanding that a one-size-fits-all federal approach is neither necessary nor desirable;

WHEREAS, the people of Utah and other states have a vested interest in ensuring that their electoral processes remain responsive to their needs and are free from disproportionate influence by entities or individuals that may not reflect the priorities of the electorate;

WHEREAS, the principle of self-governance requires that states retain the ability to establish laws governing the influence of money in elections, consistent with their unique circumstances and policy considerations; and

WHEREAS, the constitutional amendment process provides an avenue for reaffirming the role of the states in overseeing elections and ensuring that their authority in this realm is preserved:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah ~~{ hereby }~~ calls
~~{ calls upon the United States Congress to propose and send to the states for ratification an }~~
~~{ amendment to }~~ upon the six members representing Utah in United States the six members representing Utah in United States ~~{ Constitution that clarifies that the states may reasonably }~~ Congress
to uphold the principles

of federalism and to be proponents of appropriate action, including, if necessary, a
~~{ regulate and limit }~~ constitutional amendment that affirms the ~~{ spending }~~ authority of ~~{ money in }~~ states to govern their ~~{ jurisdictions to influence campaigns, }~~ election processes

~~{ elections, or ballot measures, and that, in doing so, }~~ and establishes the ability of the states
~~{ may also distinguish between }~~ to enact policies regarding campaign finance and
~~{ natural persons and artificial entities such as corporations, unions, and artificial intelligences. }~~

election influence, in a manner consistent with established constitutional principles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be prepared and submitted to
~~{ the speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the minority leader of the United~~

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~~States House of Representatives, the majority leader of the United States Senate, the minority l~~
~~{eader of the United States Senate, and to }~~ the six members representing Utah in the United
States Congress.

~~{States Congress.}~~

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