

**Joint Resolution Urging Congress to Propose an
Amendment to the United States Constitution**

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Kirk A. Cullimore

House Sponsor:

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution calls on the United States Congress to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- highlights the interests of the individual states of the United States to regulate the spending of money to influence campaigns, elections, or ballot measures; and
- calls upon the United States Congress to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution that clarifies that the states may reasonably regulate and limit the spending of money to influence campaigns, elections, or ballot measures.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

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 state of Utah has a compelling sovereign interest in fostering robust 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 the interests of the state's citizens to be properly represented, to participate in elections, and to be self-governed, and would protect the

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

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

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

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

40 WHEREAS, the Framers of the United States Constitution wisely created a process to
41 amend the United States Constitution when necessary to make the United States Constitution
42 and our perpetual union more perfect and to protect and preserve self-government and liberty:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah hereby
44 calls upon the United States Congress to propose and send to the states for ratification an
45 amendment to the United States Constitution that clarifies that the states may reasonably
46 regulate and limit the spending of money in their jurisdictions to influence campaigns,
47 elections, or ballot measures, and that, in doing so, the states may also distinguish between
48 natural persons and artificial entities such as corporations, unions, and artificial intelligences.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be prepared and submitted to
50 the speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the minority leader of the United
51 States House of Representatives, the majority leader of the United States Senate, the minority l
52 eader of the United States Senate, and to the six members representing Utah in the United
53 States Congress.