

HJRES 97

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

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution. (Jan 6, 2012)

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (5 total)

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Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Dec 20, 2011
Rep. Jackson, Jesse L., Jr. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Jan 18, 2012
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Jan 18, 2012
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jun 26, 2012
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Aug 2, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 6, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Constitutional Amendment - Denies as protected speech any financial expenditures, or in kind equivalents, with respect to a candidate for federal office, without regard to whether or not a communication expressly advocates the election or defeat of a specified candidate in the election.

Gives Congress the power to enact a mandatory public financing system to provide funds to qualified candidates in federal elections, which shall be the sole source of funds raised or spent with respect to federal elections.

Requires Congress to set forth a legal public holiday for the purpose of voting in regularly scheduled general elections for federal office.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 6, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **Dec 20, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 20, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.