

HJRES 29

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing that the rights extended by the Constitution are the rights of natural persons only.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 28, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HJRES 21	Related bill	Feb 28, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution And Civil Justice.

Constitutional Amendment - Declares that: (1) the rights protected by the Constitution are the rights of natural persons only; (2) 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 the Constitution and are subject to regulation by the people, through federal, state, or local law; and (3) the privileges of such artificial entities shall not be construed to be inherent or inalienable.

Directs federal, state and local government to: (1) regulate, limit, or prohibit contributions and expenditures, including a candidate's own contributions and expenditures, for the purpose of influencing the election of any candidate for public office or any ballot measure; and (2) require that any permissible contributions and expenditures be publicly disclosed. Prohibits the judiciary from construing the spending of money to influence elections to be speech under the First Amendment.

Prohibits this amendment from being construed to abridge the freedom of the press.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 28, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution And Civil Justice.
- **Feb 14, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 14, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.