

## HJRES 31

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Jan 24, 2017

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. (Feb 6, 2017)

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Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Jan 24, 2017
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Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Jan 27, 2017
Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		Feb 3, 2017
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Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Feb 28, 2017
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Feb 28, 2017
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Feb 28, 2017
Rep. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV-3]	D · NV		Feb 28, 2017
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Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Mar 6, 2017
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Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Mar 16, 2017
Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Apr 8, 2017
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Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Apr 25, 2017
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Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Jun 7, 2017
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Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Jun 15, 2017
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Jun 15, 2017
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2017
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2017
Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Jun 21, 2017
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Jun 21, 2017
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Jun 21, 2017
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Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Jul 28, 2017
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Sep 13, 2017
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Oct 3, 2017
Rep. Crist, Charlie [D-FL-13]	D · FL		Nov 16, 2017
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Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Nov 16, 2017
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Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2018
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Feb 23, 2018
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Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		May 3, 2018
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Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Jun 26, 2018
Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-18]	D · PA		Jul 6, 2018
Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Jul 23, 2018
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Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Aug 17, 2018
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Sep 6, 2018
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Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Dec 12, 2018

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 6, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 SJRES 8	Related bill	Jan 24, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## Summary (as of Jan 24, 2017)

### Constitutional Amendment

This joint resolution proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing Congress and the states to set reasonable limits on the raising and spending of money by candidates and others to influence elections.

The amendment grants Congress and the states the power to implement and enforce this amendment by appropriate legislation. They are allowed to distinguish between natural persons and corporations or other artificial entities created by law, including by prohibiting such entities from spending money to influence elections.

This joint resolution declares that nothing in this amendment shall be construed to grant Congress or the states the power to abridge the freedom of the press.

## Actions Timeline

- **Feb 6, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Jan 24, 2017:** introduced in House
- **Jan 24, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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