

SJRES 8

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

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Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jun 25, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 24, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HJRES 31	Related bill	Feb 6, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

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

- **Jan 24, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
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