

HJRES 39

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States waiving the application of the first article of amendment to the political speech of corporations and other business organizations with respect to the disbursement of funds in connection with public elections and granting Congress and the States the power to establish limits on contributions and expenditures in elections for public office.

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Cosponsors (1 total)

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Committee Activity

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Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 30, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Constitutional Amendment

This joint resolution proposes a constitutional amendment that states that the First Amendment to the Constitution does not apply to the political speech of any corporation, partnership, business trust, association, or other business organization with respect to the making of contributions, expenditures, or other disbursements of funds in connection with public elections.

The amendment grants Congress the power to set limits on the amounts of contributions and expenditures with respect to candidates in a federal election.

The amendment grants states the power to set limits on the amounts of contributions and expenditures with respect to candidates in a state or local election.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 30, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 30, 2019:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E114)
- **Jan 30, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Jan 30, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.