

HJRES 48

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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Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Mar 5, 2019
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Rep. Heck, Denny [D-WA-10]	D · WA		May 1, 2019
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Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		May 7, 2019

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Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		May 10, 2019
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		May 10, 2019
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Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Jan 27, 2020
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Jan 30, 2020
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Feb 7, 2020
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Feb 7, 2020
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Mar 2, 2020
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Jun 8, 2020
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Nov 9, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 22, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 22, 2019)

Constitutional Amendment

This joint resolution proposes a constitutional amendment providing that the rights protected by the Constitution are the rights of natural persons only. Artificial entities, such as corporations, shall have no rights under the Constitution and are subject to regulation.

The amendment requires federal, state, and local government to (1) regulate, limit, or prohibit election contributions and expenditures, including a candidate's own contributions and expenditures; and (2) require that any permissible contributions and expenditures be publicly disclosed.

The judiciary is prohibited from construing the spending of money to influence elections to be speech under the First Amendment, and the amendment shall not be construed to abridge the freedom of the press.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 22, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Feb 22, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 22, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.