

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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Policy Area: Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** WA • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		May 20, 2021

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Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		May 20, 2021
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Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Jun 15, 2021
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Jun 15, 2021
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Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Sep 10, 2021
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Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Nov 18, 2021
Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Nov 23, 2021

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Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Dec 13, 2021
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Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Sep 9, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 20, 2021)

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

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **May 20, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **May 20, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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