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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE VII, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA, BY ADDING SECTION 19; RELATING TO TAXPAYER MONEY FOR CANDIDATES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
2 Representatives concurring:

3 1. Article VII, Constitution of Arizona, is proposed to be amended by
4 adding section 19 as follows if approved by the voters and on proclamation of
5 the Governor:

6 19. Taxpayer money to candidate or campaign for statewide
7 office or legislature prohibited; definitions

8 SECTION 19. A. TAXPAYER MONEY SHALL NOT BE USED TO FUND
9 ANY POLITICAL CANDIDATE OR CAMPAIGN FOR STATEWIDE OFFICE OR THE
10 OFFICE OF MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE.

11 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

12 1. "STATEWIDE OFFICE" MEANS GOVERNOR, SECRETARY OF STATE,
13 STATE TREASURER, ATTORNEY GENERAL, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC
14 INSTRUCTION, CORPORATION COMMISSIONER, MINE INSPECTOR OR ANY
15 NONFEDERAL OFFICE ELECTED BY A VOTE OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF
16 THIS STATE AS A WHOLE.

17 2. "TAXPAYER MONEY" INCLUDES:

18 (a) ANY TAX, FEE, ASSESSMENT, SURCHARGE, FORFEITURE,
19 PENALTY, FINE, OTHER REVENUE OR MONIES COLLECTED BY THIS STATE,
20 A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, DEPARTMENT, AGENCY OR INSTRUMENTALITY
21 OF THIS STATE OR A CITY OR TOWN.

22 (b) ANY CONTRIBUTION, DONATION OR EXPENDITURE THAT IS
23 ELIGIBLE FOR A STATE TAX REDUCTION, DEDUCTION, EXEMPTION,
24 EXCLUSION, CREDIT, DONATION, CHECKOFF OR OTHER TAX FEATURE.

25 2. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the voters
26 at the next general election as provided by article XXI, Constitution of
27 Arizona.