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AN RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE VII, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA, BY ADDING SECTION 19; RELATING TO PUBLIC FUNDS FOR POLITICAL 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. Public funds prohibited for political campaigns:
7 definition

8 A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY EXISTING STATUTE, ORDINANCE,
9 REGULATION OR RULE, THIS STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS
10 SHALL NOT:

11 1. SPEND PUBLIC FUNDS TO PROVIDE CAMPAIGN SUPPORT FOR
12 CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.

13 2. PROVIDE ANY TAX CREDIT OR DEDUCTION IN CONNECTION WITH
14 PROVIDING PUBLIC FUNDS TO CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.

15 3. ASSESS TAXES, FEES OR SURCHARGES OF ANY KIND, IF ANY
16 PORTION OF THE TAXES, FEES OR SURCHARGES ARE USED TO PROVIDE
17 MONIES TO CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.

18 B. ANY PUBLIC FUNDS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED TO
19 PROVIDE CAMPAIGN SUPPORT FOR CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE BEFORE
20 THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN THE
21 STATE GENERAL FUND ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

22 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "PUBLIC FUNDS" MEANS
23 ANY MONIES DERIVED BY THIS STATE OR ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS
24 FROM TAXES, FEES, PENALTIES, SURCHARGES, PAYMENTS OR RECEIPTS OF
25 ANY KIND.

26 2. Short title

27 This measure shall be known as the "No Taxpayer Subsidies for Political
28 Campaigns Act".

29 3. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the voters
30 at the next general election as provided by article XXI, Constitution of
31 Arizona.