

PROPOSED

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO S.C.R. 1012

(Reference to printed resolution)

1 Page 1, before line 1, insert:

2 "Whereas, the Constitution of Arizona recognizes that "[a]ll
3 political power is inherent in the people, and governments derive their
4 just powers from the consent of the governed"; and

5 Whereas, the people of Arizona have a compelling sovereign interest
6 in fostering robust political debate and self-government, protecting the
7 freespeech interest of all individuals, securing the liberty and political
8 equality of the citizens, guarding against corruption and advancing
9 federalism and the interests of the several states; and

10 Whereas, article VII, section 16, Constitution of Arizona recognizes
11 the public's compelling interest in knowing the sources of spending in
12 campaigns, providing that "[t]he legislature, at its first session, shall
13 enact a law providing for a general publicity, before and after election,
14 of all campaign contributions to, and expenditures of campaign committees
15 and candidates for public office"; and

16 Whereas, states regulating how money is used to influence the
17 outcomes of elections would secure the interests of self-government and
18 protect the integrity of elections and the government against out-of-state
19 and foreign interests and undue influence of wealthy special interests,
20 whether corporations, unions or other artificial entities; and

21 Whereas, over the past five decades, the United States Supreme Court
22 has gradually come to equate unlimited election spending with "free
23 speech". This unlimited spending – often hard to trace and coming from
24 out-of-state and even foreign interests – is drowning out the free speech
25 interests of actual constituents, narrowing debate, weakening federalism

1 and self-governance in the states and increasing the risk of systemic
2 corruption; and

3 Whereas, the framers wisely granted the states the power to amend the
4 United States Constitution when necessary to make it, and our union, ever
5 more perfect and to protect and preserve self-government and liberty.

6 Therefore"

7 Page 1, strike everything after the resolving clause and insert:

8 "1. That the Members of the Legislature hereby call on the United
9 States Congress to propose and send to the states for ratification a
10 constitutional amendment to clarify that the states, within their
11 respective jurisdictions, may reasonably regulate and limit the spending of
12 money to influence campaigns, elections or ballot measures, and that, in so
13 doing, the states may distinguish between natural persons and artificial
14 entities, such as corporations, unions and artificial intelligences.

15 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona send copies
16 of this Resolution to the majority leader and minority leader of the United
17 States Senate, the Speaker and minority leader of the United States House
18 of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona."

19 Amend title to conform

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