

Senate Joint Memorial 3

Sponsored by Senator PROZANSKI; Senators BEYER, EDWARDS, Representatives BARNHART, HOLVEY (at the request of Tom Bowerman) (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Urges Congress to propose amendment to United States Constitution to allow Congress and states to regulate campaign contributions and expenditures for federal and state elections, respectively.

JOINT MEMORIAL

To the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas the Supreme Court of the United States has held that the First Amendment to the United States Constitution prevents regulating election spending; and

Whereas the Oregon Supreme Court has held that Article I, section 8, of the Oregon Constitution, prohibits limiting campaign contributions by law; and

Whereas an amendment to the United States Constitution would provide clear constitutional grounds for allowing legislative authority to regulate money in elections; and

Whereas an amendment to the United States Constitution as described in this memorial would be valid for all intents and purposes as part of the United States Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years after the date of its submission for ratification; and

Whereas the proposed amendment shall provide that Congress may regulate the raising and spending of money with respect to federal elections and states may regulate the raising and spending of money with respect to state elections; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

(1) By resolution of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states, the Congress of the United States of America is respectfully urged to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution to allow Congress to regulate the raising and spending of money with respect to federal elections and to allow states to regulate the raising and spending of money with respect to state elections.

(2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the Senate Majority Leader and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.