

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1006

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution memorializing Congress to
8 propose an amendment to the Constitution of the
9 United States of America related to expenditure of
10 funds in the political process; making findings; and
11 providing for distribution.

12 WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma provides:

13 "All political power is inherent in the people; and government is
14 instituted for their protection, security, and benefit, and to
15 promote their general welfare; and they have the right to alter or
16 reform the same whenever the public good may require it: Provided,
17 such change be not repugnant to the Constitution of the United
18 States"; and

19 WHEREAS, the People of Oklahoma believe that elected
20 representatives should be responsive to the interests of their
21 actual constituents, as evidenced by the Oklahoma legislature's
22 April 23, 2023, Joint Resolution No. 1032 in favor of a term limits
23 amendment to the United States Constitution; and
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1 WHEREAS, the People of Oklahoma have a compelling sovereign
2 interest in fostering robust political debate and self-government,
3 protecting the free speech interests of all individuals, securing
4 the liberty and political equality of our citizens, guarding against
5 corruption, and advancing federalism and the interests of the
6 several States; and

7 WHEREAS, States may determine that reasonable regulation of how
8 money is used to influence the outcomes of elections would (1)
9 secure the interests of citizens of that State to be represented and
10 participate in elections and self-government, and (2) protect the
11 integrity of elections and government against out-of-state and
12 foreign interests and undue influence of wealthy special interests,
13 whether of corporations, unions, or other artificial entities; and

14 WHEREAS, over the past five decades, the Supreme Court has
15 gradually come to equate unlimited election spending with "free
16 speech". This unlimited spending – often hard to trace, and coming
17 from out-of-state and even foreign interests – is drowning out the
18 free speech interests of actual constituents, narrowing debate,
19 weakening federalism and self-governance in the States, and
20 increasing the risk of systemic corruption; and

21 WHEREAS, the Framers wisely granted the States power to amend
22 the Constitution when necessary to make it, and our Union, ever more
23 perfect and to protect and preserve self-government and liberty.

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4 THAT, We the People of Oklahoma and the legislature of Oklahoma
5 hereby call upon the United States Congress to propose and send to
6 the States for ratification a Constitutional amendment to clarify
7 that the States and Congress, within their respective jurisdictions,
8 may reasonably regulate and limit the spending of money to influence
9 campaigns, elections, or ballot measures.

10 THAT, a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and
11 submitted to the Speaker of the United States House of
12 Representatives, the Minority Leader of the House of
13 Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate,
14 the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, and to each member
15 of the Oklahoma Congressional delegation.

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