

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 HOUSE CONCURRENT  
5 RESOLUTION 1006

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7                                   AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

20                  WHEREAS, the People of Oklahoma believe that elected  
21                  representatives should be responsive to the interests of their  
22                  actual constituents, as evidenced by the Oklahoma legislature's  
23                  April 23, 2023, Joint Resolution No. 1032 in favor of a term limits  
24                  amendment to the United States Constitution; and

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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