

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Ban the Private Funding of Presidential Elections

1 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article
2 is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States,
3 which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution
4 when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states
5 within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

6 **ARTICLE --**

7 **SECTION 1:** The expenditure of money for the purpose of donating to
8 presidential and primary elections shall be hereby banned.
9 Election donations are not to be considered as speech, and
10 thus are not protected under the rights enumerated in the
11 First Amendment.

12 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
13 appropriate legislation.

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A Bill to Reduce Policy Interference

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A) Candidacy filing for for the positions of President of the United States,
3 Senator, and Representative to the Congress shall take place between
4 November 1 and November 30 of the year preceding the relevant
5 election.

6 B) Any corporate news source (television, printed, or other medium) that
7 publishes coverage of specific candidates for an election campaign before
8 November 1st of the year preceding the election shall lose all public
9 funding and subsidies for a period of one (1) year and shall be barred
10 from utilizing public utilities as a means of media distribution for a period
11 of six (6) months.

12 **SECTION 2.** “Coverage of specific candidates” shall not include speculation about the
13 list of possible candidates nor analysis of public opinion about the best
14 candidate for a position.

15 **SECTION 3.** The President of the United States shall bare the power to enforce this
16 legislation using any means available through divisions of the Executive
17 Branch

18 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this legislation shall go into effect on December 1, 2016.

19 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Regulate Election-Related Media Coverage

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A) Any public debate between declared Presidential or Congressional candidates must receive government approval regarding:

1. The format to be followed relating to questioning and speech times, and

2. The candidates selected to participate (if participation in the debate is not open to all interested parties)

B) After initial broadcast, the footage of any such broadcast must become easily accessible by any self-identifying news agency for royalty-free distribution provided the footage is not altered by said agency to distort the message of any candidate or the original broadcaster.

SECTION 2. “Public debate” shall be defined as any discussion between candidates that is broadcasted publically via television, radio, or for audio/visual digital consumption

SECTION 3. The Federal Election Commission shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this legislation shall go into affect beginning with any event relating to the 2018 Mid-Term Election.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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