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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. J. RES. 191

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide that Congress and the States shall have certain authority to regulate and limit contributions and spending in campaigns for elections for public office, elections for public office, and ballot initiatives and referendums.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 3, 2026

Mr. BARRETT submitted the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

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1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2   *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*  
3   *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-*  
4   *lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-*  
5   *stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all*  
6   *intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when*

1 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several  
2 States within seven years after the date of its submission  
3 for ratification:

4 “ARTICLE —

5 “SECTION 1. We the People have compelling sov-  
6 ereign interests in the freedom of speech, representative  
7 self-government, federalism, the integrity of the electoral  
8 process, and the political equality of natural persons.

9 “SECTION 2. Nothing in this Constitution shall be  
10 construed to forbid Congress or the States, within their  
11 respective jurisdictions, from reasonably regulating and  
12 limiting contributions to and spending in campaigns for  
13 elections for public office, elections for public office, and  
14 State or local ballot initiatives or referendums, including  
15 by distinguishing between natural persons and artificial  
16 entities and prohibiting artificial entities from raising and  
17 spending money in such campaigns, elections, and State  
18 or local ballot initiatives or referendums.

19 “SECTION 3. Congress and the States shall have the  
20 power to implement and enforce this article by appropriate  
21 legislation.”.

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