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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING CONGRESS TO CONVENE A LIMITED NATIONAL CONVENTION  
UNDER ARTICLE V FOR THE EXCLUSIVE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AN  
AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION THAT WILL LIMIT  
THE INFLUENCE OF MONEY IN OUR ELECTORAL PROCESS.

1 WHEREAS, the framers of the Constitution of the United  
2 States of America intended that the Congress of the United  
3 States of America should be "dependent on the people alone"  
4 (James Madison, Federalist 52); and  
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6 WHEREAS, that dependency has evolved from a dependency on  
7 the people alone to a dependency on powerful special interests,  
8 through campaigns or third-party groups, that has created a  
9 fundamental imbalance in our representative democracy; and  
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11 WHEREAS, Americans across the political spectrum agree that  
12 elections in the United States of America should be free from  
13 the disproportional influence of special interests and fair  
14 enough that any citizen can be elected into office; and  
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16 WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution  
17 requires Congress to call a convention for proposing amendments  
18 to the federal Constitution on the application of two-thirds of  
19 the legislatures of the several states; and  
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21 WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Hawaii states  
22 that all political power "is inherent in the people and the  
23 responsibility for the exercise thereof rests with the people.  
24 All government is founded on this authority" (Article I, Section  
25 1); and  
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27 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Legislature perceives the need  
28 for an amendments convention in order to restore balance and  
29 integrity to our elections by proposing an amendment to the  
30 federal Constitution that will permanently protect free and fair  
31 elections in America by addressing, inter alia, issues raised by



1 the decisions of the United States Supreme Court in *Citizens*  
2 *United v. Federal Election Commission*, 130 S.Ct. 876 (2010) and  
3 related cases and events, and desires that said convention  
4 should be so limited; and

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6 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii desires that the delegates to  
7 said convention shall be comprised equally of individuals  
8 currently elected to State and local office, or be selected by  
9 election, in each Congressional district for the purpose of  
10 serving as delegates, provided that all individuals elected or  
11 appointed to federal office, now or in the past, be prohibited  
12 from serving as delegates to the convention, as the State  
13 intends to retain the ability to restrict or expand the power of  
14 its delegates within the limits expressed herein; and

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16 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii intends that this be a  
17 continuing application considered together with applications  
18 calling for a convention passed in the 2013-2014 Vermont  
19 Legislature as R-454, the 2013-2014 California Legislature as  
20 Resolution Chapter 77, the 98th Illinois General Assembly as SJR  
21 42, the 2014-2015 New Jersey Legislature as SCR 132, the 2015-  
22 2016 Rhode Island Legislature as HR 7670 and SR 2589, and all  
23 other passed, pending, and future applications until such time  
24 as two-thirds of the several states have applied for a  
25 convention for a similar purpose and said convention is convened  
26 by Congress; now, therefore,

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
29 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
30 of 2018, that this body hereby requests the United States  
31 Congress to call a convention for the exclusive purpose of  
32 proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States  
33 of America that will limit the influence of money in our  
34 electoral process, by overturning the decision of the United  
35 States Supreme Court in *Citizens United v. Federal Elections*  
36 *Commission* and related cases, as soon as two-thirds of the  
37 several states have applied for a convention for a similar  
38 purpose; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application is for an  
41 Article V convention and does not grant Congress the authority



1 to call a convention for any purpose other than for the sole  
2 purpose set forth in this resolution, as soon as two-thirds of  
3 the several states have applied for a convention for a similar  
4 purpose; and  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
7 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,  
8 the Vice President of the United States in his capacity as  
9 presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of  
10 the United States House of Representatives, the Minority Leader  
11 of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro  
12 Tempore of the United States Senate, to each Senator and  
13 Representative from Hawaii in the Congress of the United States  
14 with the respectful request that the full and complete text of  
15 this Resolution be printed in the Congressional Record, and to  
16 the presiding officers of each legislative body of each of the  
17 several states, requesting the cooperation of the states in  
18 issuing an application compelling Congress to call a convention  
19 for proposing amendments pursuant to Article V of the U.S.  
20 Constitution.  
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