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1ST SESSION

# H. J. RES. 31

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to the authority of Congress and the States to regulate contributions and expenditures in political campaigns and to enact public financing systems for such campaigns.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2013

Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. FARR, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. HIMES, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. MORAN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. WELCH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Mr. RANGEL) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to the authority of Congress and the States to regulate contributions and expenditures in political campaigns and to enact public financing systems for such campaigns.

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 “Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to  
6 forbid Congress or the States from imposing reasonable  
7 content-neutral limitations on private campaign contribu-  
8 tions or independent election expenditures, or from enact-  
9 ing systems of public campaign financing, including those  
10 designed to restrict the influence of private wealth by off-  
11 setting campaign spending or independent expenditures  
12 with increased public funding.”.

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