

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **79th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1993**  
4 **By: Representative Steele**

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7 **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

8 REQUESTING THE ARKANSAS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO  
9 INTRODUCE A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES  
10 CONSTITUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE LEGISLATURES OF THE SEVERAL  
11 STATES TO ENACT LAWS LIMITING CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 REQUESTING THE ARKANSAS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO  
15 PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW  
16 LAWS LIMITING CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES.

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18 WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in Buckley v. Valeo 424 U.S. 1,  
19 96 S.Ct. 612 (1976), held that legislative spending caps on campaign  
20 expenditures are unconstitutional violations of the right to freedom of  
21 speech, unless public campaign financing is available and the candidate  
22 chooses to become subject to spending caps as a result of receiving public  
23 financing; and

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25 WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas has no provisions for public campaign  
26 financing; and

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28 WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas should be able to  
29 limit campaign expenditures by law in order to counteract undue influence and  
30 unfairness in the election process; and

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32 WHEREAS, a constitutional amendment is necessary in order to give the  
33 legislatures of the several states the authority to enact laws limiting  
34 campaign expenditures.

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1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-NINTH GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS  
3 ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

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5       That the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas respectfully urges the  
6 Congress of the United States to propose an amendment to the United States  
7 Constitution for ratification by the states authorizing the legislatures of  
8 the several states to enact laws limiting campaign expenditures.

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10       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted by  
11 the Chief Clerk of the House to each member of Arkansas\_ Congressional  
12 delegation.

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