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112TH CONGRESS  
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# H. J. RES. \_\_\_\_\_

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. YARMUTH introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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  
7       ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several

1 States within seven years after the date of its submission  
2 for ratification:

3 “ARTICLE—

4 “SECTION 1. Financial expenditures, or in kind  
5 equivalents, with respect to a candidate for Federal office,  
6 without regard to whether or not a communication ex-  
7 pressly advocates the election or defeat of a specified can-  
8 didate in the election, shall not constitute protected  
9 speech, as guaranteed by this Constitution or any amend-  
10 ment to this Constitution.

11 “SECTION 2. Congress shall have the power to enact  
12 a mandatory public financing system to provide funds to  
13 qualified candidates in elections for Federal office, which  
14 shall be the sole source of funds raised or spent with re-  
15 spect to Federal elections.

16 “SECTION 3. Congress shall set forth a legal public  
17 holiday for the purposes of voting in regularly scheduled  
18 general elections for Federal office.”.