## <sup>117TH CONGRESS</sup> <sup>1ST SESSION</sup> S. J. RES.

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. SHAHEEN introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

## 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

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

intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when

8 States:

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## "ARTICLE—

2 "SECTION 1. To advance democratic self-government
3 and political equality, and to protect the integrity of gov4 ernment and the electoral process, Congress and the
5 States may regulate and set reasonable limits on the rais6 ing and spending of money by candidates and others to
7 influence elections.

8 "SECTION 2. Congress and the States shall have 9 power to implement and enforce this article by appropriate 10 legislation, and may distinguish between natural persons 11 and corporations or other artificial entities created by law, 12 including by prohibiting such entities from spending 13 money to influence elections.

14 "SECTION 3. Nothing in this article shall be con15 strued to grant Congress or the States the power to
16 abridge the freedom of the press.".

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