



2025 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 57

May 19, 2025 - Introduced by Representative STEFFEN, cosponsored by Senator TESTIN. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** urging support for a constitutional amendment to provide states with
2 authority to regulate campaign financing.

3 Whereas, the residents of Wisconsin have a compelling interest in fostering
4 robust political debate, freedom of speech, self-government, securing the liberty and
5 political equality of our citizens, and advancing federalism and the interests of the
6 states; and

7 Whereas, over the past few decades, the U.S. Supreme Court has gradually
8 come to equate elections spending with “free speech,” and elections spending has
9 the potential to drown out speech rights for all citizens, narrow debate, and weaken
10 federalism and self-government in the states; and

11 Whereas, the states and Congress should have the ability to enact reasonable
12 regulations regarding elections spending; and

13 Whereas, the framers of the U.S. Constitution wisely granted the states
14 ultimate power to amend the constitution where necessary to make it and our union

1 ever more perfect and to protect and preserve self-government and liberty; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
4 Legislature, on behalf of the people of Wisconsin, declares its support for a
5 constitutional amendment to clarify that the states and Congress may regulate the
6 spending of money to influence elections, and that, in doing so, the states and
7 Congress may distinguish between natural persons and legally recognized entities;
8 and, be it further

9 ***Resolved, That*** a copy of this resolution be prepared and submitted to the
10 speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, the majority leader of the U.S.
11 Senate, the minority leader of the U.S. Senate, and each member of the Wisconsin
12 congressional delegation.

13 (END)