

1 WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution requires the United States
2 Congress, upon application of two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states, to call a
3 convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the United States Constitution; and

4 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana sees the need for a convention for the purpose of
5 proposing amendments to the United States Constitution in order to address concerns raised
6 by the decision of the United States Supreme Court in *Citizens United v. Federal Election*
7 *Commission* and related cases and events, including those occurring long before or
8 afterward, and desires that the convention should be limited to such purposes or substantially
9 similar purposes; and

10 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana desires that the delegates to the convention shall
11 be comprised equally from individuals currently elected to state and local office or be
12 selected by election in each congressional district and that all individuals elected or
13 appointed to federal office, now or in the past, be prohibited from serving as delegates to the
14 convention, and the state of Louisiana intends to retain the ability to restrict or expand the
15 power of its delegates within the limits expressed in this Resolution.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of
17 the United States and effective upon adoption of this Resolution, the Legislature of
18 Louisiana does hereby make application to the Congress of the United States to call a
19 convention for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment or
20 amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America, for submission to the states
21 for ratification, to address concerns raised by the decision of the United States Supreme
22 Court in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* and related cases and events.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application and request be deemed null and
24 void, rescinded, and of no effect if such convention is not limited to such specific and
25 exclusive purpose.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application by this legislature constitutes
27 a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United
28 States until at least a two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states have made application
29 for a similar convention pursuant to Article V.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the clerk of the Louisiana House of
2 Representatives shall transmit copies of this Concurrent Resolution to the president of the
3 United States, to the president and the secretary of the United States Senate, to the speaker
4 and clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to each member of this state's
5 delegation to the congress, and to the presiding officer of each house of each state legislature
6 in the United States requesting the cooperation of the several states in applying to congress
7 to call a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments pursuant to Article V of the
8 United States Constitution for the purpose provided in this Resolution.

DIGEST

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Applies to the U.S. Congress to call a convention, pursuant to Article V of the U.S. Constitution, for the sole and limited purpose of proposing an amendment or amendments to the U.S. Constitution to address concerns raised by the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, which removed restrictions on amounts of independent political spending.

Expresses intent that convention delegates be comprised equally from individuals currently elected to state and local office, or be selected by election in each congressional district, and that individuals elected or appointed to federal office, now or in the past, be prohibited from serving as delegates. Also expresses intent of the state of La. to retain the ability to restrict or expand the power of its delegates within the limits expressed in the resolution.