

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: State Affairs, Judiciary, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to an amendment to the Constitution of the United States setting out the**
2 **authority of the United States Congress and of state legislatures to enact laws**
3 **relating to limits on election campaign expenditures.**

4 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 **WHEREAS**, under Article V of the Constitution of the United States, amendments to
6 the Constitution of the United States may be proposed by the Congress of the United States
7 or, upon the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the states, the Congress shall call
8 a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing amendments;

9 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the Congress of the United
10 States is requested to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States for
11 submission to the states for ratification that reads substantially as follows:

12 **ARTICLE --**

13 Section 1. Congress shall have power to set reasonable limits on
14 campaign expenditures by, in support of, or in opposition to any candidate in
15 a primary or other election for Federal office.

16 Section 2. The States shall have power to set reasonable limits on

1 campaign expenditures by, in support of, or in opposition to any candidate in
2 a primary or other election for State or local office.

3 and be it

4 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that, alternatively, the Alaska State Legislature makes
5 application and requests that the Congress of the United States call a convention for the sole
6 and exclusive purpose of proposing substantially the same amendment to the Constitution of
7 the United States; and be it

8 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that if the Congress proposes such an amendment to the
9 Constitution of the United States, this application and request for a constitutional convention
10 shall no longer be of any force or effect; and be it

11 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that this application constitutes a continuing application
12 under Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the Congress has proposed an
13 amendment to the Constitution of the United States similar in subject matter to that contained
14 in this joint resolution, until at least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states have
15 made application for a similar convention under Article V, or until July 1, 2008, whichever
16 occurs first; and be it

17 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that this application and request shall not be of any force
18 or effect if the convention is not limited to the exclusive purpose specified by this resolution.

19 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the
20 United States; to Gary Sisco, the Secretary of the United States Senate; to Robin Hewlett
21 Carle, the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted
22 Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young,
23 U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.