

1.1 ..... moves to amend S.F. No. 17, the first engrossment, as follows:

1.2 Page 1, after line 6, insert:

1.3 "WHEREAS, under Article V of the Constitution of the United States, the Congress,  
1.4 whenever two-thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments  
1.5 to the Constitution; and

1.6 WHEREAS, under Article V of the Constitution of the United States, the Congress,  
1.7 on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states, shall call a  
1.8 convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that shall  
1.9 be valid to all intents and purposes if ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the  
1.10 several states, or by conventions in three-fourths thereof, as one or the other mode of  
1.11 ratification may be proposed by Congress; NOW, THEREFORE,

1.12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it requests that  
1.13 Congress propose an amendment to the Constitution that shall substantially read as follows:

1.14 "(1) The rights protected by the Constitution of the United States are the rights  
1.15 of natural persons only.

1.16 (2) Artificial entities, such as corporations, limited liability companies, and other  
1.17 entities, established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state shall  
1.18 have no rights under this Constitution and are subject to regulation by the People, through  
1.19 Federal, State, or local law.

1.20 (3) The privileges of artificial entities shall be determined by the People, through  
1.21 Federal, State, or local law, and shall not be construed to be inherent or inalienable.

1.22 (4) Federal, State, and local government shall regulate, limit, or prohibit contributions  
1.23 and expenditures, including a candidate's own contributions and expenditures, to ensure  
1.24 that all citizens, regardless of their economic status, have access to the political process,  
1.25 and that no person gains, as a result of their money, substantially more access or ability to  
1.26 influence in any way the election of any candidate for public office or any ballot measure.

2.1 (5) Federal, State, and local government shall require that any permissible  
2.2 contributions and expenditures be publicly disclosed.

2.3 (6) The judiciary shall not construe the spending of money to influence elections  
2.4 to be speech under the 1st Amendment.

2.5 (7) Nothing contained in this amendment shall be construed to abridge the freedom  
2.6 of the press."

2.7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if Congress does not propose the amendment  
2.8 language or substantially similar amendment language as contained in this resolution, the  
2.9 Legislature of the State of Minnesota applies to the Congress of the United States to call  
2.10 a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing the amendment language or  
2.11 substantially similar amendment language as contained in this resolution as an amendment  
2.12 to the Constitution of the United States; and

2.13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Minnesota and  
2.14 the people of Minnesota demand that if Congress does not propose the amendment  
2.15 language in this resolution and if at least two-thirds of state legislatures have applied  
2.16 to Congress to call for a constitutional convention to adopt the same or substantially  
2.17 similar constitutional amendment language contained in this resolution, then the Congress  
2.18 must exercise its constitutional duty to call a constitutional convention, and that the  
2.19 constitutional convention shall be called within six months from the date that at least  
2.20 two-thirds of state legislatures have made the same or similar application to Congress; and

2.21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Minnesota calls  
2.22 on other states to join with the Legislature of the State of Minnesota in this action by  
2.23 passing the same or similar resolutions; and

2.24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of Minnesota is directed  
2.25 to prepare copies of this resolution and transmit them to the Speaker and the Clerk of  
2.26 the United States House of Representatives, the President and the Secretary of the  
2.27 United States Senate, the United States Secretary of State, and Minnesota's Senators  
2.28 and Representatives in Congress."

2.29 Page 1, delete lines 7 to 23

2.30 Page 2, delete lines 1 to 31

2.31 Page 3, delete lines 1 and 2

2.32 Delete the title and insert:

2.33 "A joint resolution  
2.34 requesting that Congress propose a constitutional amendment and, if Congress  
2.35 does not propose an amendment, applying to Congress to call a constitutional  
2.36 convention to propose an amendment clarifying that the rights protected under  
2.37 the Constitution are the rights of natural persons and not the rights of artificial  
2.38 entities and that spending money to influence elections is not speech under the  
2.39 First Amendment."