

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—113th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. J. Res. 19

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

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by Mr. DURBIN

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 That the following article is proposed as an amendment
4 to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be
5 valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitu-
6 tion when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of
7 the several States:

8 “ARTICLE—

9 “SECTION 1. To advance democratic self-government
10 and political equality, and to protect the integrity of gov-
11 ernment and the electoral process, Congress and the

1 States may regulate and set reasonable limits on the rais-
2 ing and spending of money by candidates and others to
3 influence elections.

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

10 “SECTION 3. Nothing in this article shall be con-
11 strued to grant Congress or the States the power to
12 abridge the freedom of the press.”.