



## 2019 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 148

February 20, 2020 - Introduced by Representatives C. TAYLOR, SUBECK, ZAMARRIPA, CABRERA, NEUBAUER, SARGENT, SINICKI, HESSELBEIN, OHNSTAD, SPREITZER, POPE, SHANKLAND, ANDERSON, BILLINGS, EMERSON and CONSIDINE, cosponsored by Senators SMITH, LARSON and RINGHAND. Referred to Committee on Constitution and Ethics.

1     **To renumber** section 3 of article I; and **to create** section 3 (2) of article I of the  
2             constitution; **relating to:** establishing that making political contributions and  
3             spending money to influence elections may not be considered free speech for  
4             corporations (first consideration).

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2019 legislature on first consideration, prohibits construing political contributions made by corporations and money otherwise spent by corporations to influence elections as free speech under the Wisconsin Constitution.

A proposed constitutional amendment requires adoption by two successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it becomes effective.

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### *Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:*

5             **SECTION 1.** Section 3 of article I of the constitution is renumbered section 3 (1)  
6             of article I.

7             **SECTION 2.** Section 3 (2) of article I of the constitution is created to read:

8             [Article I] Section 3 (2) No political contribution or money otherwise spent by  
9             a corporation to influence an election may be construed as speech under sub. (1).  
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