1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 20

February 16, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives Carpenter, Bock, Wasserman, Ryba, La Fave, Meyer, Riley, Black and Boyle, cosponsored by Senators Erpenbach, Baumgart, George and Wirch. Referred to Committee on Campaigns and Elections.

- 1 **To create** section 4 of article III of the constitution; **relating to:** reasonable limits
- 2 on state or local campaign expenditures (first consideration).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, no provision of the state constitution treats the subject of campaign expenditures.

This proposed constitutional amendment, proposed to the 1999 legislature on first consideration, specifically authorizes the legislature, by law, to impose reasonable limits on campaign expenditures for state or local elective offices in this state.

A constitutional amendment requires adoption by 2 successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:

- **SECTION 1.** Section 4 of article III of the constitution is created to read:
- 5 [Article III] Section 4. The legislature may by law impose reasonable limits on
- 6 campaign expenditures for state or local elective offices.

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Be it further resolved, That this proposed amendment be referred to the legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that it be published for 3 months previous to the time of holding such election.

4 (END)