## 2007 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 60

July 19, 2007 – Introduced by Representatives Sherman, Kessler, Jorgensen, Hebl, Parisi, Benedict, Hintz, Sheridan, Berceau, Boyle, Molepske, Hilgenberg, Pope-Roberts, Van Akkeren, Smith, Garthwaite, Seidel, Richards, Toles, Shilling, Vruwink, Gronemus, Hixson, Hraychuck, Grigsby, Kreuser, Cullen, Fields, Soletski and Colon, cosponsored by Senators Lehman, Wirch and Coggs. Referred to Committee on Elections and Constitutional Law.

**Relating to:** requesting appropriate action by Congress, upon the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states, to call a constitutional convention to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution to authorize Congress and the states to regulate campaign finance.

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Whereas, article IV, section 4, of the United States Constitution provides in part that "the United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government"; and

Whereas, the expenditure of unlimited amounts of undisclosed money by special interests to influence campaigns endangers the continued viability of a republican form of government; and

Whereas, recent judicial interpretation of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution limits the ability of state and federal governments to fulfill the guarantee of article IV, section 4, of the United States Constitution by regulating the financing of political campaigns; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That pursuant to article V of the United States Constitution, the legislature of the state of Wisconsin makes application and requests that the Congress of the United States call a constitutional convention for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the federal constitution to authorize Congress and the states to regulate by law the financing of political campaigns, including the financing of candidate campaigns and actions by third parties independent of the candidate campaigns; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the legislature of the state of Wisconsin proposes that the legislatures of each of the several states comprising the United States apply to the congress requesting the enactment of an appropriate amendment to the federal constitution or requiring Congress to call a constitutional convention for proposing such an amendment to the federal constitution; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** a duly attested copy of this joint resolution be immediately transmitted to the president and the secretary of the senate of the United States, to the speaker and the clerk of the house of representatives of the United States, to the office of the federal register, to the library of congress, to each member of the congressional delegation from this state, to the national conference of state legislatures, to the council of state governments, and to the presiding officer of each house of each state legislature in the United States, attesting the adoption of this joint resolution by the 2007 legislature of the state of Wisconsin.

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