

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14, Page 1, In the Title, Lines 2 and 3, by deleting all
2 of said lines and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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4 "convention of states to propose certain amendments to the United States Constitution."; and

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6 Further amend said resolution and page, Lines 4-6, by removing the words "Whereas, Article V of
7 the Constitution of the United States requires a Convention to be called by the Congress of the
8 United States for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution upon application of
9 two-thirds of the Legislatures of the several states; and" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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11 "Whereas, Article V of the Constitution of the United States requires a Convention to be
12 called by the Congress of the United States for the purpose of proposing amendments to the
13 Constitution upon application of two-thirds of the Legislatures of the several states; and

14 Whereas, the framers of the Constitution of the United States of America intended that the
15 Congress of the United States of America should be "dependent on the people alone" (James
16 Madison, Federalist 52); and

17 Whereas, that dependency has evolved from a dependency on the people alone to a
18 dependency on powerful special interests, through campaigns or third-party groups, that have
19 created a fundamental imbalance in our representative democracy; and

20 Whereas, Americans across the political spectrum agree that elections in the United States of
21 America should be free from the disproportional influence of special interests and fair enough that
22 any citizen can be elected into office; and

23 Whereas, the Constitution of the State of Missouri states "that all political power is vested in
24 and derived from the people; that all government of right originates from the people, is founded
25 upon their will only, and is instituted solely for the good of the whole" and the people have the
26 exclusive right to alter their constitutions of government whenever they deem it necessary (Article I,
27 Sections 1 & 3); and

28 Whereas, the Missouri General Assembly perceives the need for an amendments convention
29 in order to restore balance and integrity to our elections by proposing an amendment to the federal
30 Constitution that will permanently protect free and fair elections in America by addressing, inter
31 alia, issues raised by the decisions of the United States Supreme Court in Citizens United v. Federal
32 Election Commission, 558 U.S. 310 (2010), and related cases and events; and

33 Whereas, the Missouri General Assembly perceives the need for an amendments convention
34 in order to restore transparency to our elections by proposing an amendment to the federal
35 Constitution that will permanently impose transparency in the contributions and expenditures being
36 made by entities engaged in electioneering activities, including all organizations organized as

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1 nonprofit organizations and that are exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal
2 Revenue Code; and

3 Whereas, the State of Missouri desires that the delegates to said convention shall be
4 comprised equally of individuals currently elected to state and local office, or be selected by
5 election, in each Congressional district for the purpose of serving as delegates, though all
6 individuals elected or appointed to federal office, now or in the past, be prohibited from serving as
7 delegates to the convention, and intends to retain the ability to restrict or expand the power of its
8 delegates within the limits expressed herein; and"; and
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10 Further amend said resolution and page, Line 8, by deleting the phrase "said Constitution" and
11 inserting in lieu thereof the phrase "the Constitution of the United States of America"; and
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13 Further amend said resolution and page, Line 13, by inserting immediately after the phrase "limited
14 to proposing" the following:
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16 "an amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America that will restore free, fair, and
17 transparent elections as described herein and"; and
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19 Further amend said resolution and page, Lines 17-22, by deleting all of said lines; and
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21 Further amend said resolution and page, Line 25, by inserting immediately after the phrase "same
22 subject" the phrase "or subjects"; and
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24 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
25 accordingly.