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PROPOSED 28TH AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION: **EQUAL POLITICAL SPEECH** (LAST EDIT SEPTEMBER 15, 2014)

SECTION 1 [*Artificial entities are not persons and can be regulated*]

The rights and privileges protected by the Constitution of the United States are the rights and privileges of natural persons only.

Artificial legal entities established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state shall have no rights and privileges under this Constitution and are subject to legislative regulation by natural persons, through Federal, State, and local law.

The privileges of artificial entities shall be determined by natural persons through Federal, State, and local law, and shall not be construed to be inherent or inalienable.

SECTION 2 [*Money used as political speech can be regulated*]

Federal, State and local government shall regulate, limit, or prohibit campaign contributions and in-kind expenditures, including a candidate's own campaign contributions and in-kind expenditures, to provide for equal political speech in all campaigns to influence the election or defeat of any candidate for public office or the passage or defeat of any ballot measure.

Federal, State and local government shall require that any permissible campaign contributions and in-kind expenditures be publicly disclosed.

The judiciary shall not construe the spending of money to influence elections or to support political campaigns to be speech under the First Amendment.

SECTION 3 [*Equal Political Speech*] [**COMMON SENSE II DIFFERENCE**]

Eligible voters whose legal residence is located in the electoral district where an election is held shall have the exclusive right to make campaign contributions and in-kind expenditures to influence the election or defeat of local, state, and federal candidates for public office or to influence the passage or defeat of any ballot measure on local or state ballots. The words "voter" and "elector" shall refer to the same class of natural person under the law in each state within the United States.

Artificial legal entities and non-residents of a voting district shall have no right to make contributions or expenditures to support or oppose any candidate for public office or any ballot measure. Campaign committees shall have the right to use campaign contributions provided only by eligible voters who are natural persons physically residing in a voting precinct within the area where an election is held.

SECTION 4 [*Protect Freedom of the Press*]

Nothing contained in this amendment shall be construed to abridge the freedom of the press. All illegal contributions and illegal in-kind expenditures shall earn a fine of exactly twice the amount illegally spent.