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1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa relating to corporate participation in the
3 political process.
4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
2 State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is
4 amended by adding the following new section:

5 Sec. 1A. **Political activity.** The people do not intend, and
6 have never intended, the powers and privileges of corporations
7 to include participation in election activity, ballot-issue
8 activity, or financial donations to political candidates or
9 political committees. Powers and privileges related to
10 election activity or ballot-issue activity are not necessary or
11 convenient for regular corporate purposes. Corporations shall
12 not contribute financially or otherwise participate in election
13 activity or ballot-issue activity. This section shall not be
14 construed to prohibit a corporation formed to engage in the
15 creation, sale, or operation of election equipment from engaging
16 in that business.

17 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing proposed
18 amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred
19 to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general election
20 for members of the general assembly, and shall be published as
21 provided by law for three months previous to the date of that
22 election.

23 EXPLANATION

24 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
25 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

26 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
27 Constitution of the State of Iowa relating to the participation
28 of corporations in the political process. The amendment
29 prohibits corporations from contributing financially or otherwise
30 participating in election activity or ballot-issue activity. The
31 amendment does not prohibit a corporation formed to engage in the
32 creation, sale, or operation of election equipment from engaging
33 in that business.

34 The resolution, if adopted, would be published and then
35 referred to the next general assembly (92nd) for adoption, before

1 being submitted to the electorate for ratification.

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