

State of Minnesota

H. F. No. **2701**

2.1 WHEREAS, under Article V of the Constitution of the United States, the Congress, whenever
2.2 two-thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to the Constitution;
2.3 NOW, THEREFORE,

2.4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it requests that Congress
2.5 propose an amendment to the Constitution that shall substantially read as follows:

2.6 "(1) The rights protected by the Constitution of the United States are the rights of natural
2.7 persons only.

2.8 (2) Any entity, including any organization or association of one or more persons, established
2.9 or allowed by the laws of any State, the United States, or any Foreign State shall have no rights
2.10 under this Constitution separate from the rights of its members, and is subject to regulation by the
2.11 people, through Federal, State, or local law through which the entity is granted rights and given
2.12 responsibilities.

2.13 (3) Federal, State, and local government shall regulate, limit, or prohibit contributions and
2.14 expenditures, including a candidate's own contributions and expenditures, to ensure that all citizens,
2.15 regardless of their economic status, have access to the political process, and that no person gains,
2.16 as a result of their money, substantially more access or ability to influence in any way the election
2.17 of any candidate for public office or any ballot measure.

2.18 (4) Federal, State, and local government shall require that any permissible contributions and
2.19 expenditures be publicly disclosed."

2.20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed
2.21 to prepare copies of this resolution and transmit them to the Speaker and the Clerk of the United
2.22 States House of Representatives, the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the
2.23 United States Secretary of State, and Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress.