



State of Wisconsin
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2023 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 121

February 19, 2024 - Introduced by Senators COWLES, WIMBERGER, CABRAL-GUEVARA and WANGGAARD, cosponsored by Representatives ROZAR, MACCO, STEFFEN, O'CONNOR, SCHMIDT, MAXEY, DOYLE, GOEBEN and JOERS. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **Relating to:** urging support for a constitutional amendment to provide states with
2 authority to regulate campaign financing.

3 Whereas, the residents of Wisconsin have a compelling interest in fostering
4 robust political debate, freedom of speech, and self-government, in securing the
5 liberty and political equality of our citizens, in guarding against corruption, and in
6 advancing federalism and the interests of the states; and

7 Whereas, over the past few decades, the Supreme Court has gradually come to
8 equate election spending with “free speech,” and this spending has the potential to
9 drown out speech rights for all citizens, narrow debate, weaken federalism and
10 self-governance in the states, and increase the risk of systemic corruption; and

11 Whereas, the states and U.S. Congress should have the ability to enact
12 reasonable regulations regarding this spending; and

13 Whereas, the framers wisely granted the states ultimate power to amend our
14 Constitution where necessary to make it and our union ever more perfect and to
15 protect and preserve self-government and liberty; now, therefore, be it

