SB 136 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

SENATE BILL 136

AN ACT establishing a committee to review constitutional amendments pending in Congress regarding the Citizens United decision and related cases that have been introduced in the United States Supreme Court.


COMMITTEE: Rules, Enrolled Bills and Internal Affairs

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to review constitutional amendments pending in Congress regarding the Citizens United decision and related cases that have been introduced in the United States Supreme Court.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in bold italics. Matter removed from current law appears [in brackets and struckthrough.] Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.
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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to review constitutional amendments pending in Congress regarding the Citizens United decision and related cases that have been introduced in the United States Supreme Court.

2 Membership and Compensation.

I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

(a) Two members of the senate, one appointed by the president of the senate and one appointed by the senate minority leader.

(b) Two members of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and one of whom shall be appointed by the house minority leader.

II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the committee.

3 Duties. Recognizing the need for a United States Constitutional Amendment to address the Citizens United ruling and related cases, that protects New Hampshire's ability to make its own laws regarding campaign finance while protecting the First Amendment, the committee shall:

I. Examine the impact of the Citizens United ruling and related cases on New Hampshire elections.

II. Examine the different approaches and language being proposed by the United States Congress for a constitutional amendment.

III. Examine short term solutions to issues raised by the Citizens United ruling and related cases.

4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named senate member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation or resolution to the New Hampshire congressional delegation, the president of the senate,
the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the
state library on or before November 1, 2015.

6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.