

SB 136 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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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.

SPONSORS: Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Sen. Lasky, Dist 13; Sen. Pierce, Dist 5; Rep. Elliott, Rock 8; Rep. Burton, Straf 6; Rep. Cushing, Rock 21; Rep. Moody, Rock 17

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.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen*

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.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

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

4            2    Membership and Compensation.

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

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

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

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

13           3    Duties.    Recognizing the need for a United States Constitutional Amendment to address the  
14 *Citizens United* ruling and related cases, that protects New Hampshire's ability to make its own  
15 laws regarding campaign finance while protecting the First Amendment, the committee shall:

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

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

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

22           4    Chairperson; Quorum.    The members of the committee shall elect a chairperson from among  
23 the members.    The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named senate member.  
24 The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section.  
25 Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

26           5    Report.    The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
27 legislation or resolution to the New Hampshire congressional delegation, the president of the

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- 1 senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor,
- 2 and the state library on or before November 1, 2015.
- 3       6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.