

## **Amendment XXVIII**

**Section 1** Every second year Congress shall establish a single limit on the amount of wealth that any citizen may contribute or use to aid in the election or appointment of candidates seeking to represent the citizen in any government office. That limit shall not exceed one percent of the median annual income of all citizens of the United States.

**Section 2** The limit established by Section 1 shall apply in the following manner.

**2.1** The limit shall apply to each candidate for each voting event or appointment.

**2.2** The limit shall cumulatively apply to all contributions directly to a candidate's campaign organization and use of any resources to supplement or offset the cost of a candidate's campaign.

**2.3** The limit shall apply to the costs of producing and distributing messages pertaining to candidates or their campaigns when those messages are designed by the producer or distributor for audiences to witness unintentionally or without seeking the message, or the message fails to identify the source of the message. The costs of no other messages about candidates shall be limited by this amendment.

**2.4** The limit shall not apply to voluntary and uncompensated individual labor to aid in the election of candidates and the common incidental expenses of that labor incurred by the volunteer and incurred by citizens expressing their opinions about candidates.

**2.5** The limit shall not apply to resources granted to candidates' campaign organizations through programs established by local, state or federal law that are not designed to favor candidates based upon political party affiliation, beliefs, or prior experience. Such programs may distribute resources through publicly funded vouchers of equal size given by citizens to candidates seeking to represent the citizen and may establish funding qualification conditions that consider candidate's viability through favorable petitions of registered voters and matching contributions.

**Section 3** Provisions for administrating this Amendment shall include the following.

**3.1** Citizens and campaign organizations shall report to a governing federal agency all contributions to candidates that are not voluntary and uncompensated individual labor, but the identities of lawful providers shall not be publicized by the governing body or candidates' campaign organizations without consent of the provider.

**3.2** Neither individuals nor entities may subsidize or interfere with citizen choices regarding the amount of wealth or labor that citizens contribute or use to promote or oppose the election or appointment of candidates.

**3.3** Neither candidates, nor campaign organizations nor political parties may solicit other entities to independently sponsor media for use by the candidate's campaign, nor shall any independent organization sponsor media for that purpose. When a candidate's campaign uses independent media, it shall identify the source of that media and that media must be in compliance with Subsection 3.4.

**3.4** All independent messages costing more than the limit established in Section 1 that contain any information pertaining to candidates or their campaigns must precede the message with prominent, clear, simple and transparent means for public access to the identities of all of the message sponsors, give audiences a reasonable prior expectation that information pertaining to candidates will be a part of the message and exclude audiences that do not choose to witness the message.

**3.5** Upon a preliminary judicial finding that a message is in probable violation of this amendment or the laws established to enforce it, distribution and broadcast of that message shall be forestalled until final determination by a court of original jurisdiction.

**Section 4** No wealth or assets other than those authorized by this Amendment may be contributed to candidates' campaigns, or be used to supplement or offset the costs of candidates' campaigns. Candidates may use only the wealth and assets authorized by this Amendment to fund the cost of campaigning and advertising for election or appointment.

**Section 5** Congress shall enact laws implementing this amendment to ensure manifold commitment to the integrity of American democracy and, with the Executive and Judicial Branches, establish processes and provide resources to expedite adjudication of disputes arising from those laws.



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