

House Resolution 1861

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A RESOLUTION

1 Applying to the United States Congress to call a convention under Article V of the
2 Constitution of the United States limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the
3 United States to limit the influence of money in political elections and on government
4 officials; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States requires Congress to call a
6 convention limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution upon application of
7 two-thirds of the states; and

8 WHEREAS, in the wake of previous scandals and public awareness of government
9 corruption, the United States Congress has enacted limitations on campaign contributions and
10 expenditures; and

11 WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has struck down these limitations and failed
12 to uphold convictions in public corruption cases; and

13 WHEREAS, issues concerning contributions and expenditures in political elections are at an
14 all-time high and have led to an increase in public distrust.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 GEORGIA that this body does hereby apply to the United States Congress to call a
17 convention under Article V of the Constitution of the United States limited to proposing an
18 amendment or set of amendments to the Constitution of the United States to limit the
19 influence of money in political elections and on government officials; provided, however,
20 this limitation shall not prevent the consideration of comprehensive actions to address the
21 subject, including without limitation any related limitations on the power of the United States
22 Supreme Court to review any Congressionally enacted legislation authorized by such
23 amendment or set of amendments.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application shall be considered as covering the same
25 subject matter as the applications from other states to Congress to call a convention to limit
26 the influence of money in political elections and on government officials; and this application
27 shall be aggregated with those of other states for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds of
28 states necessary to require Congress to call a limited convention on this subject, but shall not
29 be aggregated with any other applications on any other subject.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly of Georgia insists that the
31 convention be solely limited to strict consideration of the subject matter contained in this
32 resolution and that the United States Congress enact a severe criminal penalty for persons
33 who violate the finite scope of the call.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application constitutes a continuing application in
35 accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States of America until the
36 legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same
37 subject.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
40 President and Secretary of the Senate of the United States; to the Speaker, Clerk, and
41 Judiciary Committee Chairperson of the House of Representatives of the United States; to
42 members of the General Assembly of Georgia; and to the presiding officers of each of the
43 legislative houses in the several states, requesting their cooperation.