

## As Introduced

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**H. C. R. No. 19**

**Representative Fischer**

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### **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To call upon the members of Ohio's congressional 1  
delegation to uphold the principles of federalism 2  
regarding the authority of states to govern electoral 3  
processes. 4

### **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, Ohio Constitution Article I, Section 2, recognizes 5  
that "All political power is inherent in the people"; and 6

WHEREAS, The Tenth Amendment to the United States 7  
Constitution affirms that any powers not delegated to the 8  
federal government are reserved to the states or the people, 9  
reinforcing the principle of federalism; and 10

WHEREAS, The states have long served as laboratories of 11  
democracy, uniquely positioned to establish election laws and 12  
policies that reflect the needs and interests of their citizens; 13  
and 14

WHEREAS, A robust system of state-led election governance 15  
strengthens self-government, promotes accountability, and 16  
preserves the integrity of the electoral process by ensuring 17  
that the people of each state determine how best to protect 18  
their representation and participation in democratic processes; 19  
and 20

WHEREAS, The Framers of the United States Constitution 21  
recognized the role of the states in structuring election laws 22  
and mechanisms, understanding that a one-size-fits-all federal 23  
approach is neither necessary nor desirable; and 24

WHEREAS, The people of Ohio and other states have a vested 25  
interest in ensuring that their electoral processes remain 26  
responsive to their needs and are free from disproportionate 27  
influence by foreign entities or individuals that may not 28  
reflect the priorities of the electorate; and 29

WHEREAS, The principle of self-governance requires that 30  
states retain the ability to establish laws governing the 31  
influence of money in elections, consistent with their unique 32  
circumstances and policy considerations; and 33

WHEREAS, The constitutional amendment process provides an 34  
avenue for reaffirming the role of the states in overseeing 35  
elections and ensuring that their authority in this realm is 36  
preserved; now therefore be it 37

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 136th General 38  
Assembly of the State of Ohio, call upon the seventeen members 39  
representing Ohio in the United States Congress to uphold the 40  
principles of federalism and to be proponents of appropriate 41  
action, including, if necessary, a constitutional amendment that 42  
affirms the authority of states to govern their election 43  
processes and establishes the ability of the states to enact 44  
policies regarding campaign finance and election influence, in a 45  
manner consistent with established constitutional principles; 46  
and be it further 47

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 48  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 49  
members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media 50  
of Ohio. 51