

# Initiative Measure No. 463

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**SECRETARY OF STATE  
STATE OF WASHINGTON**

1 AN ACT Relating to the convening of a federal constitutional  
2 convention; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The Washington state legislature shall:

5 (1) Construct and initiate a process to convene a constitutional  
6 amendment convention that is comprised of delegates from the state  
7 legislatures of the fifty states. The purpose of this convention shall  
8 be to propose and adopt an amendment to the United States Constitution,  
9 to establish limits on campaign funding and contributions. This  
10 proposed act is consistent with existing language in the Constitution  
11 of the United States of America, Article V:

12 The Congress, whenever two thirds of both Houses shall deem it  
13 necessary, shall propose Amendments to this Constitution, or,  
14 on the Application of the Legislatures of two thirds of the  
15 several States, shall call a Convention for proposing  
16 Amendments, which, in either Case, shall be valid to all  
17 Intents and Purposes, as Part of this Constitution, when  
18 ratified by the Legislatures of three fourths of the several

1 States, or by Conventions in three fourths thereof, as the one  
2 or the other Mode of Ratification may be proposed by the  
3 Congress; Provided that no Amendment which may be made prior to  
4 the Year One thousand eight hundred and eight shall in any  
5 manner affect the first and fourth Clauses in the Ninth Section  
6 of the first Article; and that no State, without its Consent,  
7 shall be deprived of its equal Suffrage in the Senate;

8 (2) Allocate funds to establish a forum for this convention, and,  
9 upon the realization of the requirements set forth in Article V of the  
10 Constitution of the United States of America, shall host this  
11 convention;

12 (3) Propose and adopt a binding resolution to support the adoption  
13 of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.  
14 Its representative shall propose this amendment for adoption at the  
15 constitutional convention described in subsection (1) of this section.  
16 This amendment shall read as follows:

17 A candidate for election to public office shall be limited in  
18 electoral campaign funding, and use thereof, to:

19 Section 1. Public moneys allocated by the respective governing  
20 body of the specific constituency to be represented, to be  
21 equal in sum for each registered candidate in a particular  
22 designated election.

23 Section 2. Contributions by private individuals or collective  
24 private entities.

25 Section 3. Personal private resources of the candidate.

26 The collective total of the funds defined by Sections 2 and 3,  
27 taken together in sum, shall be no more than twice that of the  
28 total of public moneys in Section 1, for each registered  
29 candidate in a particular designated election.

30 The electoral resources allowed and restricted above shall  
31 include all forms of media advertising, defined and determined  
32 by reasonable assessment of market value, in the estimation of  
33 the total allowances.

34 All allowances, restrictions, and limitations shall in their  
35 entirety apply to every and all candidates for public office in  
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1 every and all governmental elections in the United States of  
2 America and its territories including, but not limited to, all  
3 federal, state, county, and municipal elections.

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