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"ALEC" has long been a secretive collaboration between Big Business and "conservative" politicians. Behind closed doors, they ghostwrite "model" bills to be introduced in state capitols across the country. This agenda—underwritten by global corporations—includes major tax loopholes for big industries and the super rich, proposals to offshore U.S. jobs and gut minimum wage, and efforts to weaken public health, safety, and environmental protections. Although many of these bills have become law, until now, their origin has been largely unknown. With **ALEC EXPOSED**, the Center for Media and Democracy hopes more Americans will study the bills to understand the depth and breadth of how big corporations are changing the legal rules and undermining democracy across the nation.

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States' Initiative Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

Summary

A resolution for the purpose of petitioning the Congress of the United States to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States for submission to the states to provide the states a method of offering amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

Model Resolution

WHEREAS, the ratification of the Constitution of the United States by the states created a balance of power between the federal government and the states; and

WHEREAS, the federal government was granted certain limited powers under the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States requires, under the 10th Amendment that: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people;" and

WHEREAS, by the combined actions of the Congress, the Executive and the Judiciary, today, power is concentrated in the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the original checks and balances created by the founders have been eroded and the national government has consolidated power and authority; and

WHEREAS, the federal government is more distant from the people than state governments; and

WHEREAS, to achieve government of the people, by the people and for the people, government must become closer to the people; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for an effective mechanism by which the states can offer amendments to the Constitution of the United States;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF {INSERT STATE}, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE TWO HOUSES CONCURRING SEPARATELY HERIN, that the Congress of the United States is hereby petitioned to propose the *States' Initiative Resolution* as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States for ratification by state legislatures. This resolution shall be submitted to the states for ratification, providing for the states a method through which they may amend the Constitution of the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to achieve the purpose expressed above, the *States' Initiative Amendment* shall provide that: Whenever three-fourths of the legislatures of the states deem it necessary, they shall propose amendments to this Constitution. **These proposed amendments are valid for all intents and purposes two years after they are submitted to Congress. The said amendments will be invalid if both houses of Congress, by two-thirds vote, disapprove them within two years after their submission.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of {insert state} transmit copies of this Concurrent Resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of

Representatives of each state's legislature of the United States of America, and the {insert state} Congressional Delegation.

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