

Resolution in Support of the Fair Elections Now Act

WHEREAS the role of private money plays an ever-increasing role in our public elections;

WHEREAS the rising costs of Senate campaigns are unsustainable, causing candidates to raise and spend more and more to remain competitive;

WHEREAS elections should be about voters, not campaign donors;

WHEREAS Members of the United States Senate should be accountable to voters, and not to the wealthy special interests who give large campaign contributions;

WHEREAS we must sever the ties between lobbyists who give large campaign contributions, and our elected officials who make public policy;

WHEREAS a system of full public financing of elections, or “Clean Elections” is a proven, practical way to level the playing field, allow candidates to seek office without courting special interest money, and effectively counter the influence of money on our elections;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that _____ supports the Fair Elections Now Act, S. 1285, introduced in the 110th Congress by Senators Richard Durbin (D-IL) and Arlen Specter (R-PA) on March 20th, 2007 to provide a system of full public financing for congressional races, and that we urge all members of the Senate to pass this bill into law;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that _____ will educate it members about the importance of the Fair Elections Now Act and encourage them to learn more about Clean Elections and get involved.