



## Legislation Text

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### **Proposed Constitutional Amendment "Move to Amend" (B)**

This item was brought forward by Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Lauren Poe during Commission Comment on June 21, 2012. The City Commission approved a referral of this issue to the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee for discussion. On September 20, 2012, a representative from a group of Alachua County citizens asked the City Commission to consider placing a non-binding referendum related to this issue on the March 2013 City of Gainesville Ballot.

"Move to Amend" is a citizen group dedicated to amending the U.S. Constitution to overturn the Supreme Court's ruling in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*. They believe that "money is not speech, and that human beings, not corporations, are persons entitled to constitutional rights."

(<<http://movetoamend.org>>)

During October 2012, the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee discussed this referral, received input from several citizens supporting the placement of a non-binding referendum on the March 2013 City of Gainesville ballot and received input from the City Attorney regarding legal issues related to placing such a referendum on the ballot.

The Audit, Finance & Legislative Committee recommends that the City Commission direct the City Attorney to draft a resolution similar to the "Move to Amend" model resolution with the inclusion of two additional provisions: 1) forwarding the Resolution to the County Commission and requesting the County Commission place this issue on the next County election ballot as a non-binding referendum; and 2) forwarding the Resolution to the City's State and Federal Legislative Delegation requesting their support of a Federal Constitutional Amendment consistent with the Resolution.