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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CELLER (for himself, Mr. FEIGHAN, Mr. RODINO, Mr. ROGERS of Colorado, Mr. DONOHUE, Mr. KASTENMEIER, Mr. ST. ONGE, Mr. EDWARDS of California, Mr. HUNGATE, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. JACOBS, Mr. EILBERG, Mr. RYAN, Mr. WALDIE, Mr. MIKVA, Mr. MCCULLOCH, Mr. CAHILL, Mr. MACGREGOR, Mr. McCLORY, Mr. SMITH of New York, Mr. MESKILL, Mr. SANDMAN, Mr. RAILSBACK, Mr. BIESTER, and Mr. FISH) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to the election of the President and Vice President.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of*
2 *the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-*
3 *thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following*
4 article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of
5 the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and
6 purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the
7 legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven
8 years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

1 "ARTICLE —

2 "SECTION 1. The people of the several States and the
3 District constituting the seat of government of the United
4 States shall elect the President and Vice President. Each
5 elector shall cast a single vote for two persons who shall have
6 consented to the joining of their names as candidates for the
7 offices of President and Vice President. No candidate shall
8 consent to the joinder of his name with that of more than
9 one other person.

10 "SEC. 2. The electors of President and Vice President
11 in each State shall have the qualifications requisite for
12 electors of the most numerous branch of the State legis-
13 lature, except that for electors of President and Vice Presi-
14 dent, the legislature of any State may prescribe less restric-
15 tive residence qualifications and for electors of President
16 and Vice President the Congress may establish uniform resi-
17 dence qualifications.

18 "SEC. 3. The pair of persons having the greatest num-
19 ber of votes for President and Vice President shall be elected,
20 if such number be at least 40 per centum of the whole
21 number of votes cast for such offices. If no pair of persons
22 has such number, a runoff election shall be held in which
23 the choice of President and Vice President shall be made
24 from the two pairs of persons who received the highest num-
25 bers of votes.

1 "SEC. 4. The times, places, and manner of holding such
2 elections and entitlement to inclusion on the ballot shall be
3 prescribed in each State by the legislature thereof; but the
4 Congress may at any time by law make or alter such regu-
5 lations. The days for such elections shall be determined by
6 Congress and shall be uniform throughout the United States.
7 The Congress shall prescribe by law the time, place, and
8 manner in which the results of such elections shall be ascer-
9 tained and declared.

10 "SEC. 5. The Congress may by law provide for the
11 case of the death or withdrawal of any candidate for Presi-
12 dent or Vice President before a President and Vice Presi-
13 dent have been elected, and for the case of the death of both
14 the President-elect and Vice-President-elect.

15 "SEC. 6. The Congress shall have power to enforce this
16 article by appropriate legislation.

17 "SEC. 7. This article shall take effect one year after the
18 21st day of January following ratification."