

108TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. J. RES. 59

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to permit persons who are not natural-born citizens of the United States, but who have been citizens of the United States for at least 35 years, to be eligible to hold the offices of President and Vice President.

---

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 11, 2003

Mr. SNYDER (for himself, Mr. ISSA, and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts) 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 to permit persons who are not natural-born citizens of the United States, but who have been citizens of the United States for at least 35 years, to be eligible to hold the offices of President and Vice President.

1        *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*  
3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-*  
4 *lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-*  
5 *stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all*  
6 *intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when*

1 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several  
2 States after the date of its submission for ratification:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “A person who has been a citizen of the United  
5 States for at least 35 years and who has been a resident  
6 within the United States for at least 14 years shall be  
7 eligible to hold the office of President or Vice President.”.

○