

112<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. J. RES. 101

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing for Representatives to be chosen every four years, and limiting the number of times Senators and Representatives may be elected.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2012

Mr. RIBBLE (for himself, Mr. RIGELL, and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

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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  
7       ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several

1 States within seven years after the date of its submission  
2 for ratification:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. The House of Representatives shall be  
5 composed of Representatives chosen every four years.

6 “SECTION 2. No person shall be elected as a Rep-  
7 resentative more than three times. An election to any part  
8 of a term for which some other person was elected shall  
9 not count in determining the number of times a person  
10 is elected unless the person serves more than two years  
11 as a Representative pursuant to that election.

12 “SECTION 3. No person shall be elected or appointed  
13 as a Senator more than twice. An election or appointment  
14 to any part of a term for which some other person was  
15 elected shall not count in determining the number of times  
16 a person is elected or appointed unless the person serves  
17 more than three years as a Senator pursuant to that elec-  
18 tion or appointment.

19 “SECTION 4. Only elections or appointments which  
20 occur after the date of ratification of this article shall  
21 count in determining the number of times a person is  
22 elected or appointed.

23 “SECTION 5. Any reelection or reappointment of a  
24 Senator to the office of Senator shall not count in deter-  
25 mining the number of times a person is elected or ap-

1 pointed if the person was a Senator on the date of ratifica-  
2 tion of this article and has been elected as a Senator every  
3 term since the date of ratification of this article. Any re-  
4 election of a Representative to the office of Representative  
5 shall not count in determining the number of times a per-  
6 son is elected or appointed if the person was a Representa-  
7 tive on the date of ratification of this article and has been  
8 elected as a Representative every term since the date of  
9 ratification of this article.

10       “SECTION 6. Section 1 of this article shall take effect  
11 beginning with the first regularly scheduled general elec-  
12 tion to the House of Representatives occurring after the  
13 ratification of this article and occurring in a year in which  
14 no regularly scheduled general presidential election oc-  
15 curs.”.

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