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# H. J. RES. 141

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require the concurrence of two-thirds of both Houses of Congress for the admission of new States into the Union.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 2026

Mr. BARRETT submitted 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  
8       States:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. New States may be admitted by the  
3 Congress, on the Concurrence of two thirds of both  
4 Houses, into this Union; but no new State shall be formed  
5 or erected within the Jurisdiction of any other State; nor  
6 any State be formed by the Junction of two or more  
7 States, or Parts of States, without the Consent of the Leg-  
8 islatures of the States concerned as well as of the Con-  
9 gress.

10 “SECTION 2. This article shall be inoperative unless  
11 it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Con-  
12 stitution by the legislatures of the several States within  
13 seven years from the date of its submission by the Con-  
14 gress.”.

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