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# H. J. RES. 145

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit the terms of office of the judges of the Supreme Court and inferior courts.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 30, 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. Each judge of the Supreme Court and  
3 each inferior court shall be appointed to serve during good  
4 behavior for a term of 20 years.

5 “SECTION 2. No person who has served a term of  
6 20 years as a judge of the Supreme Court or an inferior  
7 court shall be eligible for reappointment as a judge in the  
8 court in which such term was served.

9 “SECTION 3. This article shall only apply to an ap-  
10 pointment occurring on or after the date of the ratification  
11 of this article.”.

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