SECTION 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

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No law, varying the compensation for the services of the Senators and Representatives, shall take effect, until an election of Representatives shall have intervened.

To quell speculation over the efficacy of a ratification process spanning two centuries, the House adopted a concurrent resolution declaring the ratification of the amendment (H. Con. Res. 320, May 19, 1992, p. 11779 (adopted May 20, 1992, p. 12051)). The Senate adopted both a separate concurrent resolution and a simple resolution making similar declarations (S. Con. Res. 120 and S. Res. 298, May 20, 1992, p. 11869). Neither House considered the concurrent resolution of the other. For a concurrent resolution declaring the ratification of the 14th amendment, see July 21, 1868. For opinions of the Supreme Court concerning the duration of the ratification:


Ratification was completed on May 7, 1992. The amendment was subsequently ratified by Illinois, May 12, 1992; California, June 26, 1992; Rhode Island, June 10, 1993; Hawaii, April 26, 1994; Washington, August 12, 1995; Kentucky, March 21, 1996; Nebraska, April 1, 2016.
tion process and the contemporaneity of State ratifications, see Dillon v. Gloss, 256 U.S. 368 (1921) and Coleman v. Miller, 307 U.S. 433 (1939). A law enacted in the 113th Congress directed the payroll administrators of each House to withhold the pay of Members or Senators until either (1) a concurrent resolution on the budget was adopted in their respective body or (2) in order to ensure compliance with the 27th amendment, the final day of the 113th Congress (P.L. 113-3).