

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

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**RESOLUTION**

OF THE

*Legislature of the State of Alabama,*

PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE

**CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.**

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**FEBRUARY 4, 1828.**

Read, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

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**JOINT RESOLUTION,**

*Proposing Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.*

The Select Committee to which was referred the Preamble and Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, when acting upon a communication from the Governor of the State of Georgia, and a Resolution from the Senate of said State, recommending an amendment of the Constitution of the United States, have had said Resolutions under consideration, and ask leave to report: That they concur with the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, that innovations on the constitutional laws of a community ought to be cautiously made. They believe that political wisdom, matured by experience, forbids any innovation, unless called for by some palpable defect. But your Committee are of opinion, that the Constitution of the United States is palpably defective, in giving the election of President, in any event, to the House of Representatives in Congress; because, an improper exercise of that power may result in the election of a President opposed to the choice of the People, which is incompatible with the spirit of a Republican Government, and ought to be avoided when practicable. Your committee would, therefore, recommend that the Constitution of the United States be so amended as to give the election of President and Vice President directly to the People, in such manner as to preserve equality of rights throughout the different States of the Union; and, to effect that end, do recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama in General Assembly convened,* That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to endeavor to procure such amendment of the Constitution of the United States as will provide for the election of the President and Vice President of the United States by a direct vote of the People, and prevent the election from devolving on the House of Representatives, in any event: *Provided,* such amendment can be procured without changing the present scale of voting for those officers, between the several States of the Union.

*And be it further resolved,* That his Excellency the Governor be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing Preamble and Resolution

to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and the Governors of the several States.

**SAMUEL W. OLIVER,**  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

**NICHOLAS DAVIS,**  
*President of the Senate.*

Approved : January 15, 1828.

**JOHN MURPHY.**

**SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE, }**  
*Tuscaloosa, January 16, 1828. }*

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original roll, on file in this office.

**JAMES J. THORNTON.**