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JOINT RESOLUTION

[H. J. Res. 39.]

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution providing that Senators shall be elected by the people of the several States.

Election of Senators.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That in lieu of the first paragraph of section three of Article I of the Constitution of the United States, and in lieu of so much of paragraph two of the same section as relates to the filling of vacancies, the following be proposed as an amendment to the Constitution, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the States:

Proposed amendment to the Constitution.

"The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, elected by the people thereof, for six years; and each Senator shall have one vote. The electors in each State shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the State legislatures.

"When vacancies happen in the representation of any State in the Senate, the executive authority of such State shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies: *Provided*, That the legislature of any State may empower the executive thereof to make temporary appointments until the people fill the vacancies by election as the legislature may direct.

"This amendment shall not be so construed as to affect the election or term of any Senator chosen before it becomes valid as part of the Constitution."

CHAMP CLARK,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

J S SHERMAN
Vice-President of the United States and President of the Senate.

I certify that this Joint Resolution originated in the House of Representatives.

SOUTH TRIMBLE
Clerk.

Deposited in Department of State May 15, 1912.