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JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States extending the right to vote to citizens eighteen years of age or older. [S. J. Res. 7]

*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 the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:*

“ARTICLE —

“SECTION 1. The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age.

“SEC. 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.”

CARL ALBERT

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

ALLEN J. ELLENDER

*President of the Senate pro Tempore.*

I certify that this Joint Resolution originated in the Senate.

FRANCIS R. VALEO

*Secretary.*

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Section 1. The right of citizens of the United States, who are  
natural born or who have become citizens, to hold any office  
of honor, trust, or profit under the United States shall be  
infringed if the electors in any State or in the District of  
Columbia have power to choose the electors.  
Section 2. The electors in any State shall have the power to  
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