

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO THE CONSTITUTION**

H. J. Res. 554

Ninety-fifth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Thursday, the nineteenth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-eight*

Joint Resolution

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution to provide for representation of the District of Columbia in the Congress.

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. For purposes of representation in the Congress, election of the President and Vice President, and article V of this Constitution, the District constituting the seat of government of the United States shall be treated as though it were a State.

"SEC. 2. The exercise of the rights and powers conferred under this article shall be by the people of the District constituting the seat of government, and as shall be provided by the Congress.

"SEC. 3. The twenty-third article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States is hereby repealed.

"SEC. 4. This article shall be inoperative, unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission."

THOMAS P. O'NEILL, JR.,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

QUENTIN BURDICK,

Acting President of the Senate-pro Tempore.

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

EDMUND L. HENSHAW, JR.,

Clerk.

BY W. RAYMOND COLLEY,

Deputy Clerk.

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