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# H. J. RES. 27

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide for four-year terms for Representatives, to provide that the election of Representatives shall occur in the same year as the election of the President, and to limit the number of terms Senators and Representatives may serve.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 1997

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mrs. FOWLER, and Mr. MCCOLLUM) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide for four-year terms for Representatives, to provide that the election of Representatives shall occur in the same year as the election of the President, and to limit the number of terms Senators and Representatives may serve.

1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2   *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3   *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the fol-  
4   lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-  
5   stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all

1 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when  
2 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several  
3 States within seven years after the date of its submission  
4 for ratification:

5 “ARTICLE —

6 “SECTION 1. Representatives in Congress shall be  
7 elected every fourth year. An election of Representatives  
8 shall be held on the same day of the year as a Presidential  
9 election, except in the case of vacancies in the Representa-  
10 tion of a State or the District constituting the seat of Gov-  
11 ernment of the United States. This section shall apply to  
12 an election of Representatives in the year of a Presidential  
13 election occurring after the date of ratification of this arti-  
14 cle.

15 “SECTION 2. Representatives shall be limited to three  
16 terms in office, and Senators shall be limited to two terms  
17 in office.

18 “SECTION 3. For purposes of this article, Represent-  
19 atives who have served two years of a term, and Senators  
20 who have served three years of a term, are deemed to have  
21 served a full term.

22 “SECTION 4. Section 2 and 3 of this article shall  
23 apply to terms of office of Representatives and Senators

- 1 beginning after the first Presidential election occurring
- 2 after the date of ratification of this article.”.

