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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to abolish the Electoral College and to provide for the direct election of the President and Vice President of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CAMPBELL introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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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
6 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several

1 States within seven years after the date of its submission
2 for ratification:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. The President and Vice President shall
5 be elected by the people of the several States and the dis-
6 trict constituting the seat of government of the United
7 States.

8 “SECTION 2. The electors in each State shall have
9 the qualifications requisite for electors of the most popu-
10 lous branch of the legislature of the State; although Con-
11 gress may establish uniform age qualifications.

12 “SECTION 3. Each elector shall cast a single vote for
13 two persons who have consented to the joining of their
14 names as candidates for President and Vice President. No
15 elector shall be prohibited from casting a vote for a can-
16 didate for President or Vice President because either can-
17 didate, or both, are inhabitants of the same State as the
18 elector.

19 “SECTION 4. The pair of candidates having the great-
20 est number of votes for President and Vice President shall
21 be elected, if such number be at least 50 percent of the
22 whole number of votes cast for such offices. If no pair
23 of candidates has such number, a runoff election shall be
24 held in which the choice of President and Vice President

1 shall be made from the two pairs of candidates who re-
2 ceived the greatest numbers of votes cast in the election
3 nationally.

4 “SECTION 5. The times, places, and manner of hold-
5 ing such elections and entitlement to inclusion on the bal-
6 lot shall be determined by Congress.

7 “SECTION 6. The Congress may by law provide for
8 the case of the death or any other disqualification of any
9 candidate for President or Vice President before the day
10 on which the President-elect or Vice President-elect has
11 been chosen; and for the case of a tie in any election.

12 “SECTION 7. This article shall take effect one year
13 after the first day of January following ratification.”.

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