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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to the terms of Senators and Representatives.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to the terms of Senators and Representatives.

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*
8 *States within seven years after the date of its submission*
9 *for ratification:*

1 “ARTICLE—

2 “SECTION 1. The term of office of a Representative
3 in Congress shall be four years and shall coincide with
4 the term of the President of the United States.

5 “SECTION 2. No person who has been elected for a
6 full term to the Senate two times shall be eligible for elec-
7 tion or appointment to the Senate. No person who has
8 been elected for a full term to the House of Representa-
9 tives three times shall be eligible for election to the House
10 of Representatives.

11 “SECTION 3. No person who has served as a Senator
12 for more than three years of a term shall subsequently
13 be eligible for election to the Senate more than once. No
14 person who has served as a Representative for more than
15 two years shall subsequently be eligible for election to the
16 House of Representatives more than two times.

17 “SECTION 4. No election or service occurring before
18 this article becomes operative shall be taken into account
19 when determining eligibility for election under this article.

20 “SECTION 5. No Member of one House of Congress
21 may, except in the final year of that Member’s current
22 term, qualify under applicable State law as a candidate
23 for the other House of Congress, unless that Member has
24 resigned from the House in which that Member currently
25 serves.

1 “SECTION 6. This article shall apply with respect to
2 terms of office of Representatives and Senators beginning
3 after the first day of the year immediately following the
4 first presidential election after ratification of this article.”.

