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H. J. RES. 63

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide that Federal judges be reconfirmed by the Senate every 12 years.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

1 “ARTICLE—

2 “Notwithstanding section 1 of article III of this Con-
3 stitution, a judge of an inferior court created under that
4 article shall not continue in office, except with the consent
5 of the Senate, given within the first 365 days at the begin-
6 ning of each successive 12-year period after the judge first
7 takes office. For the purposes of this article of amend-
8 ment, a judge who first took office before the adoption
9 of this article shall be deemed to have first taken office
10 on the date of such adoption.”.

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