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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide a procedure by which the States may propose constitutional amendments.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BLILEY (for himself, Mr. GOODE, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. SPENCE, and Mr. COOK) 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 to provide a procedure by which the States may propose constitutional amendments.

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 is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution*
5 *of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents*
6 *and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by*
7 *the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States with-*
8 *in seven years after the date of its submission for ratifica-*
9 *tion:*

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. Two-thirds of the legislatures of the sev-
3 eral States may propose an amendment to the Constitu-
4 tion by enacting identical legislation in each such legisla-
5 ture proposing the amendment. If two-thirds of the legisla-
6 tures of the several States enact such legislation, the legis-
7 lature first proposing the amendment shall submit the pro-
8 posed amendment to the Congress.

9 “SECTION 2. If a proposed amendment is submitted
10 to the Congress under this article and, before the date of
11 the second adjournment of Congress sine die occurring
12 after the proposed amendment is so submitted, two-thirds
13 of each House vote against legislation expressly disapprov-
14 ing the proposed amendment, the proposed amendment
15 shall be deemed to be submitted to the several States for
16 their consideration.

17 “SECTION 3. If, as of the date of the second adjourn-
18 ment of Congress sine die occurring after a proposed
19 amendment is submitted to Congress under this article,
20 the proposed amendment has not been submitted to the
21 several States for their consideration under section 2, and
22 two-thirds of each House have not voted for legislation ex-
23 pressly disapproving the proposed amendment, the pro-
24 posed amendment shall be deemed to be submitted to the
25 several States for their consideration.

1 “SECTION 4. A proposed amendment submitted to
2 the several States for their consideration under this article
3 shall be valid as part of the Constitution when ratified
4 by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States.

5 “SECTION 5. This article shall not be construed as
6 limiting the power of the States or the Congress under
7 Article V of this Constitution.

8 “SECTION 6. The Congress shall have power to en-
9 force this article by appropriate legislation.”.

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