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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to the power of the several States to propose amendments to the Constitution.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOODE 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 relating to the power of the several States to propose amendments to the Constitution.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-*
3 *thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the follow-
4 ing article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitu-
5 tion 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 “In addition to other methods established in this
3 Constitution for proposing amendments to this Constitu-
4 tion, whenever the legislatures of three-fourths of the sev-
5 eral States shall propose and adopt an identical amend-
6 ment to this Constitution, related to but one subject, that
7 amendment shall be valid as a part of this Constitution,
8 without any action being required by the Congress, upon
9 receipt by the Clerk of the Supreme Court of certified cop-
10 ies of that amendment from States which represent three-
11 fourths of the several States; provided that the Clerk re-
12 ceives such certified copies within a seven-year period be-
13 ginning on the date the Clerk receives the first certified
14 copy of the proposed amendment; that each State shall
15 retain the power to rescind its action to propose and adopt
16 the amendment until the expiration of the seven-year pe-
17 riod or the date of receipt by the Clerk of certified copies
18 of the same amendment from three-fourths of the several
19 States, whichever first occurs; and that no State, without
20 its consent, shall be deprived of its equal suffrage in the
21 Senate.

22 “Upon receipt from the first ten States of the iden-
23 tical proposed amendment, the Supreme Court shall with-
24 in sixty days thereafter rule whether the amendment is,
25 in fact, related to one subject only. If the Supreme Court

1 rules that the amendment is related to but one subject,
2 or if the Supreme Court fails to rule on the issue within
3 the sixty days, the amendment shall be conclusively pre-
4 sumed to meet the one-subject standard. If the Supreme
5 Court rules that the amendment fails to meet the one-sub-
6 ject standard, the proposed amendment shall be invalid.”.

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