S. J. RES. 16

Proposing a constitutional amendment to limit congressional terms.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

February 12, 1997

Mr. Ashcroft (for himself, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Abraham, Mr. Allard, Mr. Bond, Mr. Brownback, Mr. Burns, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Collins, Mr. Coverdell, Mr. Craig, Mr. Faircloth, Mr. Frist, Mr. Gramm, Mr. Hutchinson, Mrs. Hutchison, Mr. Inouye, Mr. Mack, Mr. Murkowski, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Smith of New Hampshire, Mr. Smith of Oregon, and Mr. Thomas) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing a constitutional amendment to limit congressional terms.

- 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:
- 6 "Article—
- 7 "Section 1. After this article becomes operative, no
- 8 person shall be elected to a full term as a Senator more

- 1 than twice, or to a full term as a Representative more than
- 2 thrice; no person who has been a Senator for more than
- 3 three years of a term to which another person was elected
- 4 shall subsequently be elected as a Senator more than once;
- 5 and no person who has been a Representative for more
- 6 than a year of a term to which another person was elected
- 7 shall subsequently be elected as a Representative more
- 8 than twice.
- 9 "Section 2. This article shall be inoperative unless
- 10 it is ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the
- 11 legislatures of three-fourths of the States within 7 years
- 12 after the date of its submission to the States by Con-
- 13 gress.".

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