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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide a new procedure for appointment of Electors for the election of the President and Vice President.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL 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 new procedure for appointment of Electors for the election of the President and Vice President.

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

1 States within seven years after the date of final passage
2 of this joint resolution:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. In an election for President or Vice
5 President, each State shall appoint a number of Electors
6 to vote for each candidate for President or Vice President
7 that bears the same ratio to the total number of Electors
8 of that State as the number of votes received by that can-
9 didate bears to the total number of votes cast in that
10 State. Each State shall make computations for purposes
11 of carrying out this section in accordance with such laws
12 as it may adopt, including laws providing for the allocation
13 of Electors among more than two candidates receiving 5
14 percent or more of the total number of votes cast in the
15 State under such criteria as the State may by law estab-
16 lish, except that fractional numbers less than one one-
17 thousandth shall be disregarded. The person having the
18 greatest number of Electors appointed after Electors are
19 appointed from all States shall be the President.

20 “SECTION 2. For purposes of this article, the District
21 constituting the seat of Government of the United States
22 shall be treated as if it were a State, except that the Dis-
23 trict may not appoint a number of Electors greater than
24 the number of Electors appointed by the least populous
25 State.

1 “SECTION 3. The Congress shall have the power to
2 enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

3 “SECTION 4. This article shall apply with regard to
4 any election for President or Vice President that is held
5 more than one year after the date of the ratification of
6 this article.”.

