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# H. J. RES. 18

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide for 4-year terms for Representatives and to provide that no person may serve as a Representative for more than 12 years.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 1999

Mr. STUMP introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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

1 States within seven years from the date of its submission  
2 by the Congress:

3 “ARTICLE—

4 “SECTION 1. The term of office of a Representative,  
5 other than a term of office of a Representative served by  
6 virtue of an election or appointment to fill a vacancy, shall  
7 be 4 years, beginning with the first election of Representa-  
8 tives occurring after this article becomes operative.

9 “SECTION 2. No person may serve more than 12  
10 years as a Representative. However, this Article shall not  
11 prevent any person holding the office of Representative  
12 during the term within which this article becomes opera-  
13 tive from holding the office of Representative during the  
14 remainder of such term.

15 “SECTION 3. For purposes of this article, time served  
16 as a Representative by virtue of an election or appoint-  
17 ment to fill a vacancy shall not be included in determining  
18 the number of years a person has served as a Representa-  
19 tive.”.

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