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Proposing a constitutional amendment to establish limited judicial terms of office.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 25, 1999

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. HELMS) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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judicial terms of office.

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 “The Chief Justice and the judges of both the Su-
8 preme Court and the inferior courts shall hold their offices
9 for the term of ten years. They shall be eligible for nomi-
10 nation and, by and with the advice and consent of the Sen-

- 1 ate, for appointment by the President to additional terms.
- 2 This article shall not apply to any Chief Justice or judge
- 3 who was appointed before it becomes operative.”.

