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H. J. RES. 1

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide for the appointment by the States of Electors for the election of the President and Vice President on the basis of the popular vote of each Congressional district of the State and for the appointment of two electors by each State on the basis of the total popular vote of the State.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 3, 2001

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

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 (two-
- 3 thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-
- 4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-

- 1 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
- 2 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
- 3 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
- 4 States within seven years after the date of its submission
- 5 for ratification:
- 6 "Article—
- 7 "Section 1. In an election for President and Vice
- 8 President, each State shall appoint two Electors to vote
- 9 for the candidates for President and Vice President who
- 10 received the greatest number of popular votes cast in the
- 11 State for such election and, for each congressional district
- 12 established pursuant to section 2 of this article, one Elec-
- 13 tor to vote for the candidates for President and Vice Presi-
- 14 dent who received the greatest number of popular votes
- 15 in that district.
- 16 "Section 2. For purposes of section 1 of this article,
- 17 each State shall by law establish a number of districts
- 18 equal to the number of Representatives in Congress to
- 19 which such State is entitled. All such districts shall be es-
- 20 tablished by the States at such intervals as the Congress
- 21 by law provides. Any district established for the election
- 22 of Representatives in Congress as of the date of the ratifi-
- 23 cation of this article shall be considered to be established
- 24 pursuant to this section.

- 1 "Section 3. For purposes of this article, the District
- 2 constituting the seat of Government of the United States
- 3 shall be treated as if it were a State, except that the num-
- 4 ber of electors for the District may not exceed the number
- 5 of electors for the least populous State.
- 6 "Section 4. The Congress may by law provide for
- 7 the case of the death of any candidate for President or
- 8 Vice President before the day on which the President-elect
- 9 or Vice President-elect has been chosen, and for the case
- 10 of a tie in any election.
- "Section 5. The Congress shall have the power to
- 12 enforce this article by appropriate legislation.
- "Section 6. This article shall apply with regard to
- 14 any election for President and Vice President that is held
- 15 more than one year after the date of the ratification of
- 16 this article.".

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