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# H. J. RES. 72

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States regarding  
the right to vote.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JACKSON of Illinois introduced the following joint resolution; which was  
referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United  
States regarding the right to vote.

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-  
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  
8       States:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. All citizens of the United States, who  
3 are eighteen years of age or older, shall have the right  
4 to vote in any public election held in the jurisdiction in  
5 which the citizen resides. The right to vote shall not be  
6 denied or abridged by the United States, any State, or  
7 any other public or private person or entity, except that  
8 the United States or any State may establish regulations  
9 narrowly tailored to produce efficient and honest elections.

10 “SECTION 2. Each State shall administer public elec-  
11 tions in the State in accordance with election performance  
12 standards established by the Congress. The Congress shall  
13 reconsider such election performance standards at least  
14 once every four years to determine if higher standards  
15 should be established to reflect improvements in methods  
16 and practices regarding the administration of elections.

17 “SECTION 3. Each State shall provide any eligible  
18 voter the opportunity to register and vote on the day of  
19 any public election.

20 “SECTION 4. Each State and the District constituting  
21 the seat of Government of the United States shall estab-  
22 lish and abide by rules for appointing its respective num-  
23 ber of Electors. Such rules shall provide for the appoint-  
24 ment of Electors on the day designated by the Congress  
25 for holding an election for President and Vice President

1 and shall ensure that each Elector votes for the candidate  
2 for President and Vice President who received a majority  
3 of the popular vote in the State or District.

4 “SECTION 5. The Congress shall have power to en-  
5 force this article by appropriate legislation.”

