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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide for terms of office for Members of the House of Representatives.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STENHOLM (for himself, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, and Mr. HILL) 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-
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 within seven years after the date of its submission
9 for ratification:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. The House of Representatives shall be
3 composed of Members chosen in a general election by the
4 people of the Several States. Representatives shall serve
5 terms of office of four years, except that the term of office
6 for terms corresponding to general elections conducted in
7 years corresponding to the decennial census shall be for
8 two years. Nothing in this section shall be construed to
9 limit the number of consecutive terms a Representative
10 may serve.

11 “SECTION 2. Section 1 shall take effect beginning
12 with the first general election for Representatives held
13 after the ratification of this Article, except that if a gen-
14 eral election for Representatives is conducted in 2008,
15 Representatives so elected shall serve terms of office of
16 two years.

17 “SECTION 3. If a Member of the House of Represent-
18 atives is a candidate for the Senate of the United States,
19 the term of such Representative shall end 30 days from
20 the date on which such Representative files a notice of
21 candidacy, and the Representative shall not be eligible to
22 serve in the House of Representatives for two years from
23 such date. As soon as the Representative becomes a can-
24 didate for the Senate of the United States, the executive
25 authority of the State from which the Representative was

1 chosen as a Representative shall issue writs of election to
2 fill the vacancy to be created by the candidacy of such
3 Representative.

4 “SECTION 4. For the purposes of this article, any
5 person elected to fill a vacancy arising in the House of
6 Representatives shall be deemed to have been elected to
7 the term of office of the Representative who the person
8 is replacing.”.

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