

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. J. RES. 50

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to abolish the Electoral College and to provide for the direct election of the President and Vice President of the United States.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 12, 2005

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California (for herself, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. STARK, Mr. McDERMOTT, and Mr. SERRANO) 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 after the date of its submission  
2 for ratification:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. The President and Vice President shall  
5 be elected by the people of the several States and the dis-  
6 trict constituting the seat of government of the United  
7 States.

8 “SECTION 2. The voters in each State in elections for  
9 President and Vice President shall have the qualifications  
10 requisite for voters of the most populous branch of the  
11 legislature of the State, although Congress may establish  
12 uniform age qualifications.

13 “SECTION 3. Each voter in elections for President  
14 and Vice President shall cast a single vote for two persons  
15 who have consented to the joining of their names as can-  
16 didates for President and Vice President. No voter shall  
17 be prohibited from casting a vote for a candidate for Presi-  
18 dent or Vice President because either candidate, or both,  
19 are inhabitants of the same State as the voter.

20 “SECTION 4. The pair of candidates having the great-  
21 est number of votes for President and Vice President shall  
22 be elected.

23 “SECTION 5. The times, places, and manner of hold-  
24 ing such elections and entitlement to inclusion on the bal-  
25 lot shall be determined by Congress.

1       “SECTION 6. The Congress may by law provide for  
2 the case of the death or any other disqualification of any  
3 candidate for President or Vice President before the day  
4 on which the President-elect or Vice President-elect has  
5 been chosen; and for the case of a tie in any election.

6       “SECTION 7. This article shall take effect one year  
7 after the first day of January following ratification.”.

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