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1ST SESSION

H. J. RES. 21

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative
to the election of Senators.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2009

Mr. DREIER (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. SENSEN-
BRENNER, and Mr. PIERLUISI) introduced the following joint resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United
States relative to the election of Senators.

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
8 States within seven years after the date of its submission
9 for ratification:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. No person shall be a Senator from a
3 State unless such person has been elected by the people
4 thereof. When vacancies happen in the representation of
5 any State in the Senate, the executive authority of such
6 State shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies.

7 “SECTION 2. This amendment shall not be so con-
8 strued as to affect the election or term of any Senator
9 chosen before it becomes valid as a part of the Constitu-
10 tion.”.

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