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# S. J. RES. 7

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

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 29, 2009

Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. MCCAIN) introduced the  
following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Com-  
mittee on the Judiciary

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## 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   *by the Congress:*

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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