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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit the number of years an individual may serve as a Member of Congress.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FITZPATRICK submitted 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 to limit the number of years an individual may serve as a Member of Congress.

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. An individual may not serve as a Sen-
3 ator or a Member of the House of Representatives if the
4 period of the individual’s service as a Senator or Member
5 of the House of Representatives (or, in the case of an indi-
6 vidual who has served as both a Senator and as a Member
7 of the House of Representatives, the combined period of
8 the individual’s service as a Senator and Member of the
9 House of Representatives) exceeds 12 years.

10 “SECTION 2. This article does not apply with respect
11 to any period of service which begins prior to the time
12 this article becomes a valid part of the Constitution.”.

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