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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit terms of Representatives and Senators and to place requirements on Representatives who seek election to the Senate.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOKE (for himself, Mr. McCOLLUM, Mr. COPPERSMITH, Mr. WILSON, Mr. McKEON, Mr. HOEKSTRA, and Mr. SMITH of Michigan) 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*
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*

1 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
2 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
3 States within seven years after the date of its submission
4 for ratification:

5 “ARTICLE—

6 “SECTION 1. The term of office of a Representative
7 in Congress shall be four years, except for two-year terms
8 as provided in this section. Immediately after the Rep-
9 resentatives in Congress shall be assembled for the first
10 term with respect to which this section applies, they shall
11 be divided by lot as equally as may be into two classes.
12 The terms of the Representatives of the first class shall
13 expire at the end of the second year, and of the second
14 class at the end of the fourth year, so that one-half may
15 be chosen every second year. In order to meet the require-
16 ments of reapportionment, all offices of Representatives
17 in Congress shall be open for election in years ending in
18 two and the same process of division into two classes de-
19 scribed hereinbefore shall recur upon the first assembly
20 of Members after each such election. The House of Rep-
21 resentatives shall adopt procedures to insure that the size
22 of the two classes of seats shall remain as equal as possible
23 despite changes occurring in the total number of seats in
24 the House of Representatives or in the apportionment of
25 Members among the several States.

1 “SECTION 2. No person who has been elected to the
2 Senate two times shall be eligible for election or appoint-
3 ment to the Senate. No person who has been elected to
4 the House of Representatives a total of four times, or has
5 been elected three times to four-year terms, shall be eligi-
6 ble for election to the House of Representatives.

7 “SECTION 3. For purposes of determining eligibility
8 for election under section 2, only elections occurring by
9 reason of the expiration of the term of office of a Member
10 and elections to terms of office beginning more than one
11 year after the date of the ratification of this article shall
12 be taken into account.

13 “SECTION 4. No Representative may, except in the
14 final year of that Representative’s current term of office,
15 qualify under applicable State law as a candidate for the
16 United States Senate, unless the Representative has re-
17 signed from the office of Representative.

18 “SECTION 5. Section 1 shall apply with respect to
19 terms of office beginning more than one year after the
20 date of the ratification of this article. Section 2 shall take
21 effect when the first terms of office begin with respect to
22 which section 1 applies.”.

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