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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit the number of years an individual may serve in certain positions in the Government of the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGLISH of Oklahoma (for himself, Mr. SARPALIUS, and Mr. BREWSTER) 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 (two-*
3 *thirds of each House concurring therein), That the follow-*
4 ing article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitu-
5 tion of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents
6 and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by

1 the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States with-
2 in seven years after the date of its submission for ratifica-
3 tion:

4 “ARTICLE —

5 “SECTION 1. No person may serve in the United
6 States Government in the following positions, either indi-
7 vidually or cumulatively, for more than 12 years:

8 “(1) President of the United States.

9 “(2) Vice-President of the United States.

10 “(3) Member of the Cabinet of the President.

11 “(4) Senator or Representative in, or Resident
12 Commissioner or Delegate to, the Congress.

13 “(5) Position located within the District of Co-
14 lumbia or a contiguous area for which appointment
15 by the President is required, by and with the advice
16 and consent of the Senate.

17 “(6) Justice of the Supreme Court.

18 “SECTION 2. This article shall apply to the Justices
19 serving on the Supreme Court as of the date of ratification
20 of this article as follows: one year after the date of the
21 first Presidential election after ratification, the term of the
22 Justice who has the most seniority on the Supreme Court,
23 and who has exceeded the limitation on service set forth
24 in section 1, shall end; and one year after the date of each
25 Presidential election thereafter, the term of the Justice

1 who then has the most seniority on the Supreme Court,
2 and who has exceeded the limitation on service set forth
3 in section 1, shall end.

4 “SECTION 3. For purposes of this article and except
5 as provided in section 2, service in a position referred to
6 in section 1 before ratification of this article shall be in-
7 cluded in determining the number of years served. A per-
8 son serving in an elected position on the date of ratifica-
9 tion of this article may serve out the remainder of the term
10 of that position, regardless of whether that person has ex-
11 ceeded the limitation on service set forth in section 1.”.

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