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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution to provide for the direct popular election of the President and Vice President of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WHEAT 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
4 following article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-
5 stitution of the United States to be valid only if ratified
6 by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States

1 within seven years of the date of its submission by the
2 Congress:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. The President and Vice President shall
5 be elected by the people of the several States and the dis-
6 trict constituting the seat of government of the United
7 States.

8 “SECTION 2. The electors in each State shall have
9 the qualifications requisite for electors of Senators and
10 Representatives in Congress from that State, except that
11 the legislature of any State may prescribe lesser qualifica-
12 tions with respect to residence and Congress may establish
13 uniform residence and age qualifications.

14 “SECTION 3. The persons having the greatest number
15 of votes for President and Vice President shall be elected,
16 if such number be at least a majority of the whole number
17 of votes cast for such offices. If no persons have such num-
18 ber, a runoff election shall be held in which the choice
19 of President and Vice President shall be made from the
20 persons who received the two highest numbers of votes for
21 each office.

22 “SECTION 4. The days for such elections shall be de-
23 termined by Congress. The times, places, and manner of
24 holding such election and entitlement to inclusion on the
25 ballot shall be prescribed in each State by the legislature

1 thereof; but the Congress may at any time by law make
2 or alter such regulations. The Congress shall prescribe by
3 law the time, place, and manner in which the results of
4 such elections shall be ascertained and declared. Any run-
5 off election under the second sentence of section 3 shall
6 be held within thirty calendar days after the results of the
7 election involved have been so ascertained and declared.

8 “SECTION 5. Each elector shall cast a single vote
9 jointly applicable to President and Vice President. Names
10 of candidates shall not be joined unless they shall have
11 consented thereto and no candidate shall consent to his
12 or her name being joined with that of more than one other
13 person.

14 “SECTION 6. The Congress may by law provide for
15 the case of the death of any candidate for President or
16 Vice President before the day on which the President-elect
17 or a Vice President-elect has been chosen; and for the case
18 of a tie in any election.

19 “SECTION 7. This article shall take effect one year
20 after the twenty-first day of January following ratifica-
21 tion.”.

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