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H. J. RES. 164

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide 8-year terms of offices for judges of Federal courts other than the Supreme Court.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RIGGS (for himself, Mr. BREWSTER, Mr. METCALF, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. COBURN, Mr. HANCOCK, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas, Mr. DUNCAN, and Mr. COOLEY of Oregon) 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
 7 the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States with-

1 in seven years after the date of its submission for ratifica-
2 tion:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “The term of office for a judge of a court ordained
5 and established by Congress shall be 8 years. Any time
6 (but not more than 6 years) served as a judge before the
7 date of the ratification of this article of amendment shall
8 be counted toward the first term of that judge under this
9 article.”.

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