

104TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. J. RES. 160

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide that Federal judges be reconfirmed by the Senate every six years.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 1996

Mr. HAYES introduced 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 provide that Federal judges be reconfirmed by the Senate every six years.

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. Except as provided in section 2, no per-
3 son may serve more than six years as a judge of a court
4 created by Act of Congress, except with the consent of the
5 Senate, given within the first year at the beginning of each
6 successive six-year period after the judge first takes office.

7 “Sec. 2. For purposes of this article, any person who
8 first took office as a judge of a court created by Act of
9 Congress before the adoption of this article shall be di-
10 vided into three classes. The first class, those judges who
11 have twelve or more years of service, shall be subject to
12 reconfirmation by the Senate within the first year follow-
13 ing the adoption of this article. The second class, any per-
14 son who first took office as a judge no fewer than five
15 nor more than twelve years before the adoption of this ar-
16 ticle, shall be subject to reconfirmation by the Senate with-
17 in the second year following the adoption of this article.
18 The third class, all other judges, shall be reconfirmed by
19 the Senate within the first 365 days at the beginning of
20 each successive six-year period after the judge first took
21 office.

○