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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing for 4-year terms for Representatives and limiting the service of Senators and Representatives to 12 years.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PETERSON of Florida 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*
6 *intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when*
7 *ratified by the legislatures of three fourths of the several*

1 States within 7 years from the date of its submission by
2 the Congress:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. The House of Representatives shall be
5 composed of Members chosen every 4th year by the people
6 of the several States. The terms of Representatives shall
7 begin at noon on the 3d day of January of the years that
8 occur 2 years after the years in which the term of the
9 President begins.

10 “SECTION 2. A person may not be a Senator if the
11 person has been a Senator for more than 12 years during
12 the lifetime of the person. A person may not be a Rep-
13 resentative if the person has been a Representative for
14 more than 12 years during the lifetime of the person. Any
15 term as a Senator or Representative for which a person
16 is elected or appointed to fill a vacancy in the representa-
17 tion of any State in the Congress may not be counted for
18 purposes of computing the 12-year limits in this section.

19 “SECTION 3. Sections 1 and 2 shall apply only to
20 Representatives who are elected on or after the date occur-
21 ring 1 year after the 1st day that this article is valid as
22 part of the Constitution and on which the electors of the
23 President and the Vice President are chosen.

24 “SECTION 4. Section 2 shall apply only to Senators
25 who are elected or appointed on or after the date occurring

1 1 year after the 1st day that this article is valid as part
2 of the Constitution and on which the electors of the Presi-
3 dent and the Vice President are chosen.”.

