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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide that Federal judges be reconfirmed by the Senate every 10 years.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HEFLEY 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 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 “Notwithstanding section 1 of article III of this Con-
3 stitution, a judge of an inferior court created under that
4 article may not, except with the consent of the Senate,
5 hold office for more than 10 years after—

6 “(1) the judge took office,

7 “(2) the Senate last consented to the continu-
8 ance in office of the judge, or

9 “(3) the ratification of this article,
10 whichever last occurs.”.

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