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# S. J. RES. 11

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to limiting the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve to 3 in the House of Representatives and 2 in the Senate.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 14, 2011

Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. LEE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. TOOMEY) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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*

1 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several  
2 States:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. No person who has served three terms  
5 as a Representative shall be eligible for election to the  
6 House of Representatives. For purposes of this section,  
7 the election of a person to fill a vacancy in the House of  
8 Representatives shall be included as one term in deter-  
9 mining the number of terms that such person has served  
10 as a Representative if the person fills the vacancy for more  
11 than one year.

12 “SECTION 2. No person who has served two terms  
13 as a Senator shall be eligible for election or appointment  
14 to the Senate. For purposes of this section, the election  
15 or appointment of a person to fill a vacancy in the Senate  
16 shall be included as one term in determining the number  
17 of terms that such person has served as a Senator if the  
18 person fills the vacancy for more than three years.

19 “SECTION 3. No term beginning before the date of  
20 the ratification of this article shall be taken into account  
21 in determining eligibility for election or appointment under  
22 this article.”.

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