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# H. J. RES. 105

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to treat Puerto Rico as if it were a State for purposes of the election of the President and Vice President.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 2, 2016

Mr. GRAYSON submitted the following joint resolution; which was 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*  
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:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. The government of Puerto Rico shall  
3 appoint, in such manner as the legislature of Puerto Rico  
4 may elect, a number of electors of President and Vice  
5 President equal to the whole number of Senators and Rep-  
6 resentatives in Congress to which Puerto Rico would be  
7 entitled if it were a state; they shall be in addition to those  
8 appointed by the states, but they shall be considered, for  
9 the purposes of the election of President and Vice Presi-  
10 dent, to be electors appointed by a state; and they shall  
11 meet in Puerto Rico and perform such duties as provided  
12 by the twelfth article of amendment, or as otherwise pre-  
13 scribed in this Constitution.

14 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this article shall apply to  
15 an election only if, at the time of the election, Puerto Rico  
16 is not a State of the United States or an independent na-  
17 tion.

18 “SECTION 3. The Congress shall have power to en-  
19 force this article by appropriate legislation.”.

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