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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. J. RES. 263

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide for a runoff election if no candidate receives more than 50 percent of the popular vote nationally.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 1993

Mr. DUNCAN introduced 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*

1 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several  
2 States within seven years after the date of its submission  
3 for ratification:

4 “ARTICLE —

5 “SECTION 1. The Chief Justice of the United States  
6 shall declare that a runoff election is necessary if no can-  
7 didates for President and Vice President of the United  
8 States receive more than 50 percent of the popular vote  
9 cast for President and Vice President nationally at the  
10 general election.

11 “SECTION 2. If the Chief Justice of the United States  
12 declares that a runoff election is necessary, the electors  
13 of President and Vice President of the United States shall  
14 be appointed based on the popular vote cast at a runoff  
15 election in each State and the District constituting the  
16 seat of Government of the United States.

17 “SECTION 3. The runoff election shall be between the  
18 candidates who receive the greatest number of popular  
19 votes cast for President and Vice President nationally at  
20 the general election and the candidates who receive the  
21 second greatest number of popular votes cast for President  
22 and Vice President nationally at the general election and  
23 shall be held 14 calendar days after the date on which  
24 the general election is held.

1       “SECTION 4. In both a general election and a runoff  
2 election, each vote shall be cast for two persons who have  
3 consented to the joining of their names on the ballot as  
4 candidates for President and Vice President. No candidate  
5 shall consent to the joining of his or her name with the  
6 name of more than one other person.”.

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