

103^D CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. J. RES. 368

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing for 4-year terms for Members of the House of Representatives.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 20, 1994

Mr. HUTTO (for himself, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. MCCURDY, Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. LAUGHLIN, Mr. LIGHT-FOOT, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. STUMP, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. ROTH, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. SOLOMON) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing for 4-year terms for Members of the House of Representatives.

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 follow-*
4 ing article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitu-
5 tion of the United States, to be valid only if ratified by
6 the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States with-

1 in 7 years after the date of final passage of this joint reso-
2 lution:

3 “ARTICLE—

4 “SECTION 1. The House of Representatives shall be
5 composed of Members chosen by the people of the several
6 States, and the electors in each State shall have the quali-
7 fications requisite for electors of the most numerous
8 branch of the State legislature. The term of office of Rep-
9 resentatives shall be 4 years, except that in the case of
10 Representatives elected from odd-numbered districts the
11 term of office of the first incumbents elected following a
12 reapportionment of Representatives shall be 2 years and
13 in the case of Representatives elected from even-numbered
14 districts the term of office of the last incumbents elected
15 before a reapportionment of Representatives shall be 2
16 years.

17 “SECTION 2. Districts for the election of Representa-
18 tives from each State, whether composed of the whole or
19 a part thereof, shall be numbered consecutively, beginning
20 with the first, and corresponding to the number of Rep-
21 resentatives to which such State is entitled.

22 “SECTION 3. Section 1 of this article shall apply with
23 respect to terms of office of Representatives beginning
24 after the first reapportionment of Representatives after
25 the ratification of this article.

1 “SECTION 4. A Representative who officially declares
2 candidacy for another elected office of which the term be-
3 gins before the end of that Representative’s term of office
4 as Representative shall resign from the office of Rep-
5 resentative at the time of the declaration.

6 “SECTION 5. The Congress shall have the power to
7 enforce this article by appropriate legislation.”.

○