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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit the terms of Representatives and Senators, and to provide for a four-year term for Representatives.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ORTON 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 to limit the terms of Representatives and Senators, and to provide for a four-year term for 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, which shall be valid to all intents*
6 *and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by*
7 *the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States with-*

1 in seven years after the date of its submission for ratifica-
2 tion:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. The term of office of Representatives
5 shall be four years and shall begin at noon on the third
6 day of January of the year in which the term of office
7 of the President begins.

8 “SECTION 2. No person shall be elected to the office
9 of Representative more than three times, excluding any
10 election of a person to fill a vacancy of an office of a Rep-
11 resentative if such person has held such office for less than
12 two years. No person shall be elected to the office of Sen-
13 ator more than twice, excluding any election of a person
14 to fill a vacancy of an office of a Senator if such person
15 has held such office for less than three years. For pur-
16 poses of this section, an election which occurs before the
17 date of the ratification of this article shall not be included
18 in determining the number of times a person has been
19 elected as a Representative or Senator.”.

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