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# H. J. RES. 65

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit the terms of Representatives and Senators, to provide for a four-year term for Representatives, and to provide for campaign contribution limitations with respect to elections for Federal office.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THORNTON 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 (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 by the Con-  
2 gress:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. The term of office of a Member of the  
5 House of Representatives shall be four years, beginning  
6 with the first election of Representatives occurring after  
7 this article becomes valid as a part of the Constitution.  
8 The House of Representatives shall adopt procedures to  
9 ensure that one half of the House of Representatives is  
10 elected every two years and that, as much as possible, one  
11 half of each State’s delegation is elected every two years.

12 “SECTION 2. A person may not be elected to serve  
13 a term as a Representative if the person has been elected  
14 to serve as a Representative for the twelve consecutive  
15 years that immediately precede the term. A person may  
16 not be elected to serve a term as a Senator if the person  
17 has been elected to serve as a Senator for the twelve con-  
18 secutive years that immediately precede the term.

19 “Service as a Representative or Senator after Janu-  
20 ary 1, 1995, shall be included in determining the number  
21 of years to which the person has been elected to serve as  
22 a Representative or Senator.

23 “SECTION 3. Beginning with the first election after  
24 this article becomes valid as a part of the Constitution,  
25 no person or entity may make contributions, solicit or re-

1 ceive contributions, or make expenditures, with respect to  
2 a candidate for the office of either Representative or Sen-  
3 ator earlier than eighteen months before the ending of the  
4 term then being served, if the candidate is an incumbent  
5 of either the office of Representative or Senator.

6 “The Congress shall have the power, by appropriate  
7 legislation, to establish additional limitations on contribu-  
8 tions and expenditures, including the expenditure of per-  
9 sonal funds by the candidate, with respect to an election  
10 for any Federal office.”.

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