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S. J. RES. 58

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to granting power to the States to propose constitutional amendments.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 1996

Mr. ASHCROFT introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to granting power to the States to propose constitutional amendments.

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 is proposed as an amendment to Article V of the
5 Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to
6 all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
8 States within seven years from the date of its submission
9 by the Congress:

1 “Whenever two-thirds of the several States shall pro-
2 pose an Amendment, in identical terms, to this Constitu-
3 tion, such proposal shall be submitted to the Congress for
4 consideration. If two-thirds of the Members of each House
5 of Congress do not disapprove the proposal during the ses-
6 sion in which the proposal is submitted, the proposal shall
7 be submitted to all of the States for consideration. Such
8 Amendment shall be valid to all Intents and Purposes as
9 part of the Constitution when ratified by the Legislatures
10 of three-fourths of the several States.”.

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