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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States regarding the right to vote.

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Mr. JACKSON of Illinois (for himself, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Ms. CARSON, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. FORD, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. JEFFERSON, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Mr. KUCINICH, Ms. LEE, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. STARK, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Ms. WATERS, Ms. WATSON, Mr. WATT, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. WYNN, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. HOLT, and Mr. DAVIS of Alabama) 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 regarding the right to vote.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein),
That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States:

`Article --

`SECTION 1. All citizens of the United States who are eighteen years of age or older shall have the right to vote in any public election held in the jurisdiction in which the citizen resides. The right to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, any State, or any other public or private person or entity, except

that the United States or any State may establish regulations narrowly tailored to produce efficient and honest elections.

`SECTION 2. Each State shall administer public elections in the State in accordance with election performance standards established by the Congress. The Congress shall reconsider such election performance standards at least once every four years to determine if higher standards should be established to reflect improvements in methods and practices regarding the administration of elections.

`SECTION 3. Each State shall provide any eligible voter the opportunity to register and vote on the day of any public election.

`SECTION 4. The Congress shall have power to enforce and implement this article by appropriate legislation.'