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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, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RUSH, Mr. STARK, Ms. WOOL-SEY, and Mr. WYNN) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 3 (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-4 5 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when 6 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several 7 8 States:

"ARTICLE —

2 "SECTION 1. All citizens of the United States who 3 are eighteen years of age or older shall have the right to 4 vote in any public election held in the jurisdiction in which 5 the citizen resides. The right to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, any State, or any other 6 7 public or private person or entity, except that the United 8 States or any State may establish regulations narrowly 9 tailored to produce efficient and honest elections.

10 "SECTION 2. Each State shall administer public elec-11 tions in the State in accordance with election performance 12 standards established by the Congress. The Congress shall 13 reconsider such election performance standards at least 14 once every four years to determine if higher standards 15 should be established to reflect improvements in methods 16 and practices regarding the administration of elections.

17 "SECTION 3. Each State shall provide any eligible18 voter the opportunity to register and vote on the day of19 any public election.

20 "SECTION 4. The Congress shall have power to en21 force and implement this article by appropriate legisla22 tion.".

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