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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States limiting the number of consecutive years a person may serve in or be employed by the Government of the United States or be employed to affect the policies and programs of the Government of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 1995

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota 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 fol-*
4 *lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-*
5 *stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all*

1 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
2 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
3 States within 7 years after the date of its submission for
4 ratification:

5 “ARTICLE —

6 “SECTION 1. No person may serve as a Representa-
7 tive or Senator for more than twelve years unless there
8 is an abeyance of the service of no less than four consecu-
9 tive years.

10 “SECTION 2. No person employed by the executive
11 branch of the Government may be stationed within the
12 District of Columbia metropolitan area for more than
13 twelve years unless there is an abeyance of the employ-
14 ment of no less than four consecutive years.

15 “SECTION 3. No person may be employed by the Con-
16 gress for more than twelve years unless there is an abey-
17 ance of the employment of no less than four consecutive
18 years.

19 “SECTION 4. No person may be employed for the pur-
20 pose of affecting the consideration or passage of legislation
21 by the Congress or the implementation of legislation by
22 the executive branch of the Government for more than
23 twelve years unless there is an abeyance of the employ-
24 ment of no less than four consecutive years.

1 “SECTION 5. No person may serve any term or por-
2 tion thereof as a Representative or Senator, nor shall said
3 person be employed by the Congress or employed for the
4 purpose of affecting the consideration or passage of legis-
5 lation by the Congress or the implementation of legislation
6 by the executive branch of the Government for more than
7 twelve years cumulatively unless there is an abeyance of
8 the service or employment of no less than four consecutive
9 years.

10 “SECTION 6. For the purposes of this article, service
11 or employment which commenced before ratification of
12 this article may not be included in determining the num-
13 ber of years served or employed.”.

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