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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States limiting the number of times Senators and Representatives may be elected.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2013

Mr. RIBBLE introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States limiting the number of times Senators and Representatives may be elected.

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 within seven years after the date of its submission for ratification:

"ARTICLE —

"SECTION 1. No person shall be elected as a Representative more than three times. An election to any part of a term for which some other person was elected shall not count in determining the number of times a person is elected unless the person serves more than one year as a Representative pursuant to that election.

"SECTION 2. No person shall be elected or appointed as a Senator more than twice. An election or appointment to any part of a term for which some other person was elected shall not count in determining the number of times a person is elected or appointed unless the person serves more than three years as a Senator pursuant to that election or appointment.

"SECTION 3. Only elections or appointments which occur after the date of ratification of this article shall count in determining the number of times a person is elected or appointed.

"SECTION 4. Any reelection or reappointment of a Senator to the office of Senator shall not count in determining the number of times a person is elected or appointed if the person was a Senator on the date of ratification of this article and has been elected as a Senator every term since the date of ratification of this article. Any reelection of a Representative to the office of Representative

shall not count in determining the number of times a person is elected or appointed if the person was a Representative on the date of ratification of this article and has been elected as a Representative every term since the date of ratification of this article.''.

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