

112<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. J. RES. 121

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to increase by 29 votes the number of electoral votes awarded to the candidate for President who receives the largest percentage of the popular vote.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 23, 2012

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

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## 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*  
6       *intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when*  
7       *ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several*

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

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. In an election for President and Vice  
5 President, after the popular vote has been counted and  
6 electors have been appointed in each of the several States  
7 and the District constituting the seat of Government of  
8 the United States, each State and the District shall report  
9 the total number of popular votes cast for each of the can-  
10 didates. The candidate receiving the largest percentage of  
11 the total popular vote as reported by the several States  
12 and the District shall receive 29 electoral votes in addition  
13 to those cast by the Electors chosen by the several States  
14 and the District. These votes shall not be considered votes  
15 cast by Electors and shall not affect the total number of  
16 votes necessary to constitute a majority of the whole num-  
17 ber of Electors appointed.

18 “SECTION 2. Congress shall have the power to en-  
19 force this article by appropriate legislation.

20 “SECTION 3. This article shall apply with respect to  
21 any election for President and Vice President held after  
22 the expiration of the 1-year period which begins on the  
23 date of the ratification of this article.”.

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