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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the territories of the United States to cast electoral votes in presidential elections.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BORDALLO submitted 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 hereby proposed as an amendment to the*
5 *Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to*
6 *all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when*
7 *ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several*
8 *States:*

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. If the number of persons in a territory
3 of the United States exceeds thirty thousand, the territory
4 shall appoint, in such manner as its territorial legislature
5 may direct, a number of electors of President and Vice
6 President equal to the whole number of Representatives
7 to the House of Representatives to which such territory
8 would be entitled if it were a State. Such electors shall
9 be in addition to those appointed by the States and the
10 District of Columbia, but they shall be considered, for the
11 purposes of the election of President and Vice President,
12 to be electors appointed by a State. Such electors shall
13 meet in the territory in which they were appointed and
14 perform such duties as provided by the twelfth article of
15 amendment.

16 “SECTION 2. Congress shall have the power to en-
17 force this article by appropriate legislation.”.

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