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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to abolish the electoral college and to provide for the direct popular election of the President and Vice President of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 8, 2009

Mr. NELSON of Florida introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and 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
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 by the Congress:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. The President and Vice President shall
5 be jointly elected by the direct vote of the qualified electors
6 of the several States and territories and the District con-
7 stituting the seat of Government of the United States. The
8 electors in each State, territory, and the District consti-
9 tuting the seat of Government of the United States shall
10 have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most
11 numerous branch of the legislative body where they reside.

12 “SECTION 2. Congress may determine the time,
13 place, and manner of holding the election, the entitlement
14 to inclusion on the ballot, and the manner in which the
15 results of the election shall be ascertained and declared.”.

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