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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the election of Senators.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. MCCAIN) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the election of Senators.

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

8 States within seven years after the date of its submission

9 by the Congress:

"ARTICLE —

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2 "SECTION 1. No person shall be a Senator from a 3 State unless such person has been elected by the people thereof. When vacancies happen in the representation of 4 any State in the Senate, the executive authority of such 5 State shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies. 6 "SECTION 2. This amendment shall not be so con-7 strued as to affect the election or term of any Senator 8 chosen before it becomes valid as a part of the Constitu-9 10 tion.".

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