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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit the number of years during which an individual may serve as a Member of Congress.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JAMES 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 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 for ratification:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. No person may be elected to a term as
3 a Member of Congress if at any time during the term the
4 total period of the person’s service as a Member of Con-
5 gress, whether service as a Senator or service as a Rep-
6 resentative in Congress, will exceed 18 years.

7 “SECTION 2. No term or other period beginning be-
8 fore the date of the ratification of this article shall be
9 taken into account in determining eligibility for service,
10 election, or appointment under this article.”.

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