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EIGHTIETH CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

JOINT RESOLUTION

[H. J. Res. 27]

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to the terms of office of the President.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States:

"ARTICLE —

"SECTION 1. No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice, and no person who has held the office of President, or acted as President, for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected President shall be elected to the office of the President more than once. But this Article shall not apply to any person holding the office of President when this Article was proposed by the Congress, and shall not prevent any person who may be holding the office of President, or acting as President, during the term within which this Article becomes operative from holding the office of President or acting as President during the remainder of such term.

Terms of office of
the President.

"SEC. 2. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission to the States by the Congress."

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years.

JOSEPH W. MARTIN, JR.
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM F. KNOWLAND
Acting President of the Senate pro tempore.

I certify that this Joint Resolution originated in the House of Representatives.

JOHN ANDREWS
Clerk.

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