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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit the terms of office of the judges of the Supreme and inferior courts.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. APPLEGATE introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit the terms of office of the judges of the Supreme and inferior courts.

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, to be valid only if ratified*
6 *by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States*
7 *within seven years from the date of the submission of this*
8 *joint resolution by the Congress for ratification:*

1 “ARTICLE—

2 “SECTION 1. (a) Subject to the limitations of sub-
3 section (b), each judge of the Supreme Court or of any
4 inferior court shall be appointed to serve during good be-
5 havior for a term of six years.

6 “(b) No individual may serve for a total of more than
7 twelve years as a judge of the Supreme Court, for a total
8 of more than twelve years as a judge of any inferior court,
9 or for a combined total of more than twelve years as a
10 judge of any two or more inferior courts.

11 “SECTION 2. This article shall not apply with respect
12 to any judge of the Supreme Court or any inferior court
13 who holds office by reason of appointment to such office
14 before the ratification of this article.”.

