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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 131

Offered January 25, 1994

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Virginia by adding in Article II a section numbered 5-A, relating to eligibility for election to the United States Congress.

Patrons—Newman, Cox, Crouch, Griffith, Hamilton, Katzen, Marshall, May, McClure, O'Brien, Rhodes, Ruff, Wagner, Wardrup and Way; Senator: Bell

Referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, a majority of the members elected to each house agreeing, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Virginia be, and the same hereby is, proposed and referred to the General Assembly at its first regular session held after the next general election of members of the House of Delegates for its concurrence in conformity with the provisions of Section 1 of Article XII of the Constitution of Virginia, namely:

Amend the Constitution of Virginia by adding in Article II a section numbered 5-A, as follows:

ARTICLE II

FRANCHISE AND OFFICERS

Section 5-A. Eligibility for election to the Congress of the United States.

No person shall be eligible to be elected to more than two consecutive terms in the Senate of the United States representing the Commonwealth. No person shall be eligible to be elected to more than six consecutive terms in the House of Representatives of the United States representing the Commonwealth. Service for a partial term shall not preclude service for twelve additional years. These limits shall not preclude any person who has served in one house from seeking election to the other house of Congress. Persons who have served twelve consecutive years in either house shall be eligible after one election cycle to be reelected to that house. These limits shall apply to service in the Congress beginning on and after January one, nineteen hundred ninety-seven.

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