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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CASTEN introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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-*

1 following article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-
2 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
3 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
4 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
5 States:

6 “ARTICLE —

7 “SECTION 1. In addition to the Senators from each
8 of the several States, the Senate of the United States shall
9 be composed of twelve Senators at-large, who shall be
10 elected by the People of the United States for six years,
11 and each Senator at-large shall have one vote. Senators
12 at-large shall meet the same age and citizenship require-
13 ments as the Senators from each of the several States.

14 “SECTION 2. Senators at-large shall be elected using
15 a national popular vote, under which each eligible elector
16 may vote for one candidate for each seat that is up for
17 election. Seats of the Senators at-large shall be divided
18 equally among the three Classes of Senate seats, so that
19 one-third may be chosen every second year. The first elec-
20 tion of Senators at-large shall occur no later than the sec-
21 ond regularly scheduled general election for Federal office
22 following the date of the ratification of this article, in
23 which one-third of the seats of Senators at-large shall be
24 up for election.

1 “SECTION 3. Within thirty days of the seat of a Sen-
2 ator at-large becoming vacant, the executive authority of
3 the State in which the departing Senator at-large resided
4 when last elected or appointed to such seat shall fill the
5 vacancy by appointing a Senator at-large of the same po-
6 litical party, or a political party of a different name if af-
7 filiated with the same political party at the State level,
8 as the departing incumbent. If the seat is not up for elec-
9 tion at the next regularly scheduled general election for
10 Federal office that occurs following a period of delay that
11 Congress shall by law provide, a special election shall be
12 held to determine who shall serve the remainder of the
13 term. Such special election shall coincide with such general
14 election.

15 “SECTION 4. An eligible elector shall include any
16 United States citizen who is eighteen years of age or older;
17 who has registered to vote by the deadline of the citizen’s
18 State of residence; and who otherwise meets the eligibility
19 requirements, as set by the citizen’s State of residence,
20 for voting in a general election for Federal office.

21 “SECTION 5. The election of Senators at-large shall
22 be administered by each of the several States, but Con-
23 gress shall by law provide the procedures for such election.
24 Each State shall submit a tabulation of all ballots cast
25 within its jurisdiction to such Federal entity as Congress

1 shall by law provide, which shall collect and count the tab-
2 ulations and announce the winners.

3 “SECTION 6. References in this article to the States
4 and the electors thereof shall apply in the same manner
5 to United States territories and the electors thereof and
6 to the District constituting the seat of Government of the
7 United States and the electors thereof.

8 “SECTION 7. In addition to the Electors for President
9 and Vice President appointed by each of the several
10 States, there shall be twelve Electors at-large, who shall
11 be appointed in such manner as Congress shall by law pro-
12 vide. Electors at-large shall hold the same powers and du-
13 ties of Electors for President and Vice President, except
14 that Electors at-large shall meet in the District consti-
15 tuting the seat of Government of the United States, where
16 they shall cast their ballots for the presidential and vice-
17 presidential candidates having received the greatest num-
18 ber of votes cast by citizens of the United States. Electors
19 at-large shall be included in determining the whole number
20 of Electors appointed for the purposes of the twelfth arti-
21 cle of amendment.

22 “SECTION 8. Congress shall have power to enforce
23 this article by appropriate legislation.”.