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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the voting rights of the citizens of the United States.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL submitted the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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# 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       “SECTION 5. No citizen who has reached eighteen  
2 years of age shall be barred from participating in elections  
3 for President and Vice President, or for Senator or Rep-  
4 resentative in Congress, on account of failure to register  
5 to vote.

6       “SECTION 6. Elections for President and Vice Presi-  
7 dent, and for Senator and Representative in Congress,  
8 shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday  
9 in November. This day shall be designated a national holi-  
10 day. No entity shall interfere with, withhold regular com-  
11 pensation from, or otherwise penalize the exercise of the  
12 right of any of its agents, employees, contractors, or as-  
13 signs so entitled to vote on this day.

14       “SECTION 7. Congress shall have the power to en-  
15 force this article by appropriate legislation.

16       “SECTION 8. This article shall take effect two years  
17 after the date of its ratification.”.

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