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S. J. RES. 121

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to abolish the electoral college and to provide for the direct election of the President and Vice President of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 12, 2024

Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. WELCH) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. The President and Vice President shall
3 be elected by the people of the several States and the dis-
4 trict constituting the seat of government of the United
5 States.

6 “SECTION 2. Each voter shall cast a single vote for
7 two persons who have consented to the joining of their
8 names as candidates for President and Vice President.

9 “SECTION 3. The pair of candidates having the great-
10 est number of votes for President and Vice President shall
11 be elected.

12 “SECTION 4. The Congress may by law provide for
13 the case of the death or any other disqualification of any
14 candidate for President or Vice President before the day
15 on which the President-elect or Vice President-elect has
16 been chosen, and for the case of a tie in any election.

17 “SECTION 5. This article shall take effect one year
18 after the first day of January following ratification.”.

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