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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.

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

JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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 citizens of the United States.

4 “SECTION 2. No voting qualification or prerequisite
5 to voting, nor any standard, practice, or procedure, shall
6 be imposed or applied by Congress, or by any State or
7 political subdivision, to deny or abridge the right of any
8 citizen of the United States to vote. The right of the citi-
9 zens of the United States to vote shall not be infringed
10 on account of any undue burden of proof of identity or
11 citizenship, nor by any standard, practice, or procedure
12 implemented since the previous national election for Sen-
13 ator and Representative in Congress.

14 “SECTION 3. The right of the citizens of the United
15 States to engage in free and fair political debate shall be
16 free from acts or expenditures by foreign persons, and
17 from undue or anonymous influence from any person.

18 “SECTION 4. Districts represented by members of
19 Congress, or by members of any legislative body of any
20 State or political subdivision, shall be geographically com-
21 pact and composed of contiguous territory. No State or
22 political subdivision shall deviate from this requirement
23 except by reference to existing natural or political bound-
24 aries.

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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