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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

APRIL 2, 2019

Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) 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

1 States within seven years after the date of its submission
2 for ratification:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. The President and Vice President shall
5 be elected by the people of the several States, the terri-
6 tories, and the district constituting the seat of government
7 of the United States.

8 “SECTION 2. The electors in each State, territory,
9 and the district constituting the seat of government of the
10 United States shall have the qualifications requisite for
11 electors of the most populous branch of the legislature of
12 the State, territory, or the district, respectively.

13 “SECTION 3. Each elector shall cast a single vote for
14 two persons who have consented to the joining of their
15 names as candidates for President and Vice President.

16 “SECTION 4. The pair of candidates having the great-
17 est number of votes for President and Vice President shall
18 be elected.

19 “SECTION 5. The times, places, and manner of hold-
20 ing such elections and entitlement to inclusion on the bal-
21 lot shall be determined by Congress.

22 “SECTION 6. The Congress may by law provide for
23 the case of the death or any other disqualification of any
24 candidate for President or Vice President before the day

1 on which the President-elect or Vice President-elect has
2 been chosen; and for the case of a tie in any election.

3 “SECTION 7. This article shall take effect one year
4 after the first day of January following ratification.”.

