

Sixty-second Congress of the United States of America;

At the Second Session,

Began and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the fourth day of December,
one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution providing that Senators shall be
elected by the people of the several States.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States
of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring
therein), That in lieu of the first paragraph of section three of Article I of the
Constitution of the United States, and in lieu of so much of paragraph two of
the same section as relates to the filling of vacancies, the following be proposed
as an amendment to the Constitution, which shall be valid to all intents and
purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of
three-fourths of the States:*

“The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from
each State, elected by the people thereof, for six years; and each Senator shall
have one vote. The electors in each State shall have the qualifications
requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the State legislatures.

“When vacancies happen in the representation of any State in the Senate,
the executive authority of such State shall issue writs of election to fill such
vacancies: *Provided*, That the legislature of any State may empower the
executive thereof to make temporary appointments until the people fill the
vacancies by election as the legislature may direct.

“This amendment shall not be so construed as to affect the election or
term of any Senator chosen before it becomes valid as part of the Constitution.”

Champ Clark,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

J. S. Sherman

Vice President of the United States and

President of the Senate.