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# H. J. RES. 43

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require that the Supreme Court of the United States be composed of nine justices.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 22, 2021

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee 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 (two-*  
3       *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 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. The Supreme Court of the United  
3 States shall be composed of nine justices, though one or  
4 more of these nine offices may be vacant until filled.

5 “SECTION 2. If the size of the Supreme Court has  
6 been increased to more than nine justices before this  
7 amendment is ratified, upon the ratification of this  
8 amendment, those additional offices are void.

9 “SECTION 3. Congress shall have the power to en-  
10 force this article by appropriate legislation.”.

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