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IN THE SENATE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Mr. Dodson of West Virginia submitted the following resolution;

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SECTION 2. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

"ARTICLE-

 "SECTION 1. The President and Vice President shall be elected by a popular vote of the people of the several states and the District of Columbia. Each voter shall cast a single vote for two people who have agreed to run jointly for President and Vice President.

 "SECTION 2. The pair of candidates for President and Vice President who obtain the greatest number of votes for President and Vice President shall be elected, as long as their total accounts for at least forty-five percent of all votes cast.

 "SECTION 3. If no candidates reach the forty-five percent threshold, a runoff election shall be held

between the two pairs of Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates with the greatest vote totals. The pair of candidates with the greatest number of votes in the runoff election shall be elected President and Vice President.

  "SECTION 4. If the Presidential runoff election is necessary, it must be held within thirty days of the original General Election Day in order to ensure that a winner is determined before the scheduled inauguration of the President and Vice President. The date of the Presidential runoff election must also coincide with all other runoff elections for Congress or other statewide elected officials that may be required by the laws of the States.

  "SECTION 6. This amendment shall take effect on the January 21st which follows the first Presidential election after ratification.