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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. J. RES. 186

Establishing a ratification deadline for the Congressional Apportionment Amendment.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISSA submitted the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Establishing a ratification deadline for the Congressional Apportionment Amendment.

1        *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2        *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3        **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This joint resolution may be cited as the “Congressional Apportionment Amendment Deadline Act”.

6        **SEC. 2. RATIFICATION DEADLINE.**

7        (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the absence of a  
8        ratification deadline at the time of proposal, the Congressional Apportionment Amendment shall be valid to all in-  
9        tents and purposes as part of the Constitution only if it

1 is ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several  
2 States not later than December 31, 2026.

3 (b) **VALIDITY AFTER DEADLINE.**—Any ratification  
4 of such amendment occurring after the date specified in  
5 subsection (a) shall not be valid for purposes of adopting  
6 the amendment.

7 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORITY.**

8 Congress asserts its authority under Article V of the  
9 Constitution of the United States to establish reasonable  
10 conditions for the ratification of proposed amendments, in-  
11 cluding the imposition of a ratification deadline.

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