

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**H. RES.** _____

Authorizing two Members to serve as joint sponsors of a bill, resolution, or joint resolution in the House of Representatives if one of the Members is from the majority party and the other is from the minority party.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CLEAVER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. JOINT SPONSORSHIP OF BILLS AND RESOLU-**
3 **TIONS.**

4 (a) **AUTHORIZING JOINT SPONSORSHIP.**—Clause 7 of
5 rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives is

1 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
2 graph:

3 “(d) A public bill or public resolution may be spon-
4 sored jointly by two Members, including the Delegates and
5 the Resident Commissioner, if one of the Members is from
6 the majority party and the other Member is from the mi-
7 nority party.”.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO AU-
9 THORITY TO NAME COSPONSORS.—Clause 7(b)(1) of rule
10 XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives is
11 amended by inserting after the first sentence the fol-
12 lowing: “In the case of a public bill or public resolution
13 which is sponsored jointly by two Members pursuant to
14 paragraph (d), both of the sponsors may name cospon-
15 sors.”.

16 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO SUB-
17 MISSION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATE-
18 MENT.—Clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII of the Rules of the
19 House of Representatives is amended by striking “the
20 sponsor submits” and inserting “the sponsor submits (or,
21 in the case of a public bill or public resolution which is
22 sponsored jointly by two Members pursuant to paragraph
23 (d), both of the sponsors submit)”.