

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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WIGGINS, DeWEESE AND PRESTON, JULY 21, 1983

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, JULY 21, 1983

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, requiring an adequate public assistance
3 program.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby resolves as follows:

6 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
7 Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

8 That Article I be amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 29. Public assistance program.

10 In order to promote the welfare and happiness of all the
11 people of the Commonwealth, the Commonwealth shall annually
12 provide adequate public assistance to all of its needy,
13 distressed and disadvantaged. This assistance shall be at a
14 level which is at least 125% of the Lower Living Standard as
15 established by the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics. The
16 public assistance programs shall be administered promptly and
17 humanely with due regard for the preservation of family life and

1 so as to encourage the self-respect of its recipients.