

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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GODSHALL, ROHRER, EGOLF, NAILOR, LEH, WAUGH AND HUTCHINSON,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, APRIL 2, 1997

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, providing for a limit on operating budget
3 increases.

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 section 13 of Article VIII be amended to read:

9 § 13. Appropriations.

10 (a) Operating budget appropriations made by the General
11 Assembly shall not exceed the actual and estimated revenues and
12 surplus available in the same fiscal year.

13 (b) The General Assembly shall adopt a capital budget for
14 the ensuing fiscal year.

15 (c) (1) Any increase in an operating budget from that
16 budget of the immediately prior fiscal year shall not exceed the
17 average percentage increase in the personal income of the

1 residents of this Commonwealth for the prior fiscal year, as
2 calculated by the Department of Revenue and certified by the
3 Auditor General.

4 (2) An increase in the operating budget over the limit
5 prescribed in clause (1) may occur only by a vote of two-thirds
6 of all the members elected to each House.

7 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
8 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the
9 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to
10 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
11 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
12 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
13 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
14 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

15 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this
16 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the
17 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the
18 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
19 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required
20 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such
21 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of
22 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the
23 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment
24 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first
25 primary, general or municipal election occurring at least three
26 months after the proposed constitutional amendment is passed by
27 the General Assembly which meets the requirements of and is in
28 conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of
29 Pennsylvania.