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BENNINGHOFF, HORSEY, L. I. COHEN AND CORRIGAN,
DECEMBER 16, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, DECEMBER 16, 1997

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, providing for a maximum number of terms of
3 office for members of the General Assembly.

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 3 of Article II be amended to read:

9 § 3. Terms of members.

10 (a) Senators shall be elected for the term of four years and
11 Representatives for the term of [two] four years. Senators shall
12 not be eligible for election to more than three terms of office
13 in the Senate. Representatives shall not be eligible for
14 election to more than four terms of office in the House of
15 Representatives.

16 (b) Service in the General Assembly performed prior to

1 December 1, 2000, shall not be considered in determining the
2 maximum number of terms a Senator or Representative may serve or
3 in determining eligibility of a Senator or Representative for
4 election.

5 (c) For persons elected to a term of office in the Senate in
6 an election held in any year after the year 1997 and said term
7 of office ends on November 30, 2002, service in the Senate
8 performed prior to December 1, 2002, shall not be considered in
9 determining the maximum number of terms such a person may serve
10 or in determining eligibility of such a person for election.

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

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

1 the General Assembly which meets the requirements of and is in
2 conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of
3 Pennsylvania.