

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

No. 702 Session of  
2001INTRODUCED BY MARKOSEK, LAUGHLIN, READSHAW, CAWLEY, BUNT AND  
STABACK, FEBRUARY 14, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 14, 2001

## A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for the removal of  
3 appointed civil officers.

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 7 of Article VI be amended to read:

9 § 7. Removal of civil officers.

10 All civil officers shall hold their offices on the condition  
11 that they behave themselves well while in office, and shall be  
12 removed on conviction of misbehavior in office or of any  
13 infamous crime. Appointed civil officers, other than judges of  
14 the courts of record, may be removed [at the pleasure of the  
15 power by which they shall have been appointed] for just cause  
16 after notice and hearing by the appointing power. All civil  
17 officers elected by the people, except the Governor, the  
18 Lieutenant Governor, members of the General Assembly and judges

1 of the courts of record, shall be removed by the Governor for  
2 reasonable cause, after due notice and full hearing, on the  
3 address of two-thirds of the Senate.

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

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