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APRIL 17, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 17, 2001

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, authorizing the General Assembly to increase
3 certain retirement benefits or pensions.

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 26 of Article III be amended to read:

9 § 26. Extra compensation prohibited; claims against the
10 Commonwealth; retirement benefits or pensions.

11 No bill shall be passed giving any extra compensation to any
12 public officer, servant, employee, agent or contractor, after
13 services shall have been rendered or contract made, nor
14 providing for the payment of any claim against the Commonwealth

1 without previous authority of law: Provided, however, That
2 nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to prohibit the
3 General Assembly from authorizing the increase of retirement
4 [allowances] benefits or pensions payable to members or to
5 beneficiaries who are spouses of members of a retirement or
6 pension system now in effect or hereafter legally constituted by
7 the Commonwealth, its political subdivisions, agencies or
8 instrumentalities, after the termination of the services of
9 [said] the member, provided the increases are certified to be
10 actuarially sound.

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.