

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL**No. 721** Session of
2007

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 9, 2007

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for sessions.

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

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

7 That section 4 of Article II be amended to read:

8 § 4. Sessions.

9 The General Assembly shall be a continuing body during the
10 term for which its Representatives are elected. It shall meet at
11 12 o'clock noon on the first Tuesday of January each year.
12 Special sessions shall be called by the Governor on petition of
13 a majority of the members elected to each House or may be called
14 by the Governor whenever in his opinion the public interest
15 requires. Unless meeting in special or extraordinary session,

1 the General Assembly may not meet for the purposes of
2 considering legislation under Article III after the first day of
3 November preceding the general election.

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.