

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY COHEN, DENLINGER, KILLION, MELIO, BROWN,  
CALTAGIRONE, HARKINS, KOTIK, SIPTROTH AND YOUNGBLOOD,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, AUGUST 16, 2010

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing distinct amendments to the Constitution of the  
2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for terms of  
3 office of Governor, Attorney General, Auditor General and  
4 State Treasurer.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby resolves as follows:

7 Section 1. The following amendments to the Constitution of  
8 Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

9 (1) That section 3 of Article IV be amended to read:

10 § 3. Terms of office of Governor; number of terms.

11 The Governor shall hold his office during four years from the  
12 third Tuesday of January next ensuing his election[. Except for  
13 the Governor who may be in office when this amendment is  
14 adopted, he] and shall be eligible to succeed himself [for one  
15 additional term].

16 (2) That section 4.1 of Article IV be amended to read:

17 § 4.1. Attorney General.

18 An Attorney General shall be chosen by the qualified electors

1 of the Commonwealth on the day the general election is held for  
2 the Auditor General and State Treasurer; he shall hold his  
3 office during four years from the third Tuesday of January next  
4 ensuing his election and shall [not] be eligible to [serve  
5 continuously for more than two successive terms] succeed  
6 himself; he shall be the chief law officer of the Commonwealth  
7 and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be  
8 imposed by law.

9 (3) That section 18 of Article IV be amended to read:

10 § 18. Terms of office of Auditor General and State Treasurer;  
11 number of terms; eligibility of State Treasurer to  
12 become Auditor General.

13 The terms of the Auditor General and of the State Treasurer  
14 shall each be four years from the third Tuesday of January next  
15 ensuing his election. They shall be chosen by the qualified  
16 electors of the Commonwealth at general elections [but] and  
17 shall [not] be eligible to [serve continuously for more than two  
18 successive terms] succeed themselves. The State Treasurer shall  
19 not be eligible to the office of Auditor General until four  
20 years after he has been State Treasurer.

21 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General  
22 Assembly of these proposed constitutional amendments, the  
23 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to  
24 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article  
25 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the  
26 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in  
27 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after  
28 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

29 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of these  
30 proposed constitutional amendments, the Secretary of the

1 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the  
2 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the  
3 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required  
4 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such  
5 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of  
6 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the  
7 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment  
8 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first  
9 primary, general or municipal election which meets the  
10 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article  
11 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least  
12 three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is  
13 passed by the General Assembly.