

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 14, 2011

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing separate and distinct amendments to the Constitution
2 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for
3 terms of members and for legislative districts.

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

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

8 (1) That section 3 of Article II be amended to read:

9 § 3. Terms of members.

10 [Senators shall be elected for the term of four years and
11 Representatives for term of two years.]

12 (a) Senators shall be elected for the term of six years.

13 (b) Except as provided under subsection (c), Representatives
14 shall be elected for the term of four years.

15 (c) At the first general election in an even-numbered year
16 after the adoption of the amendment adding this subsection, all
17 Representatives from even-numbered districts shall be elected
18 for the term of four years and all Representatives from odd-

1 numbered districts shall be elected for the term of two years.

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

3 § 16. Legislative districts.

4 The Commonwealth shall be divided into 50 senatorial and
5 [203] 185 representative districts, which shall be composed of
6 compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in population
7 as practicable. Each senatorial district shall elect one
8 Senator, and each representative district one Representative.

9 Unless absolutely necessary no county, city, incorporated town,
10 borough, township or ward shall be divided in forming either a
11 senatorial or representative district.

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

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

1 municipal election which meets the requirements of and is in
2 conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of
3 Pennsylvania and which occurs at least three months after the
4 proposed constitutional amendments are passed by the General
5 Assembly.