

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 413 Session of 2011

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 4, 2011

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing separate and distinct amendments to the Constitution  
2 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for  
3 qualifications for members of the General Assembly and the  
4 executive branch.

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

7 Section 1. The following separate and distinct amendments to  
8 the Constitution of Pennsylvania are proposed in accordance with  
9 Article XI:

10 (1) That section 5 of Article II be amended to read:

11 § 5. Qualifications of members.

12 Senators shall be at least 25 years of age and  
13 Representatives 21 years of age. They shall have been citizens  
14 and inhabitants of the State four years, and inhabitants of  
15 their respective districts one year next before their election  
16 (unless absent on the public business of the United States or of  
17 this State), [and] shall reside in their respective districts  
18 during their terms of service[.] and shall be registered to vote

1 in the respective districts they are seeking to represent.

2 (2) That section 5 of Article IV be amended to read:

3 § 5. Qualifications of Governor, Lieutenant Governor and  
4 Attorney General.

5 No person shall be eligible to the office of Governor,  
6 Lieutenant Governor or Attorney General except a citizen of the  
7 United States, who shall be registered to vote in this  
8 Commonwealth, shall have attained the age of 30 years, and have  
9 been seven years next preceding his election an inhabitant of  
10 this Commonwealth, unless he shall have been absent on the  
11 public business of the United States or of this Commonwealth. No  
12 person shall be eligible to the office of Attorney General  
13 except a member of the bar of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

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

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

1 under section 1 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth  
2 as separate ballot questions at the first primary, general or  
3 municipal election which meets the requirements of and is in  
4 conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of  
5 Pennsylvania and which occurs at least three months after the  
6 proposed constitutional amendments are passed by the General  
7 Assembly.