
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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RADER, EVERETT, SACCONI, TALLMAN, HICKERNELL, TRUITT AND
ZIMMERMAN, OCTOBER 28, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 28, 2015

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, prohibiting payroll collection of dues, fees
3 and political contributions.

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 (1) That Article VI heading be amended to read:

9 ARTICLE VI

10 PUBLIC OFFICERS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

11 (2) That Article VI be amended by adding a section to read:

12 § 8. Payroll collection of dues, fees and political
13 contributions.

14 No Commonwealth officer or agency, or independent agency or
15 public authority created by the Commonwealth, nor the General
16 Assembly, or officer or agency of the General Assembly, nor a
17 court, or officer or agency, of the unified judicial system, nor

a political subdivision of the Commonwealth, or authority created by such political subdivision, may use its payroll system to collect membership dues, nonmembership fees or a political contribution from an employee. A provision in a collective bargaining agreement which authorizes collection in violation of this section is void.

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

(b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first primary, general or municipal election which meets the requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is passed by the General Assembly.