
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 20, 2015

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing integrated amendments to the Constitution of the
2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, prohibiting the Executive
3 Department and school districts from making payroll
4 collections of dues, fees and political contributions.

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

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

10 (1) That Article IV be amended by adding a section to read:

11 § 20. Payroll collection of dues, fees and political
12 contributions.

13 No agency in the Executive Department may use its payroll
14 system to collect membership dues, nonmembership fees or a
15 political contribution from an employee. A provision in a
16 collective bargaining agreement which authorizes collection in
17 violation of this section is void.

18 (2) That section 9 of Article IX be amended to read:

1 § 9. [Appropriation for public] Public purposes.

2 (a) The General Assembly shall not authorize any
3 municipality or incorporated district to become a stockholder in
4 any company, association or corporation, or to obtain or
5 appropriate money for, or to loan its credit to, any
6 corporation, association, institution or individual. The General
7 Assembly may provide standards by which municipalities or school
8 districts may give financial assistance or lease property to
9 public service, industrial or commercial enterprises if it shall
10 find that such assistance or leasing is necessary to the health,
11 safety or welfare of the Commonwealth or any municipality or
12 school district. Existing authority of any municipality or
13 incorporated district to obtain or appropriate money for, or to
14 loan its credit to, any corporation, association, institution or
15 individual, is preserved.

16 (b) A school district may not use its payroll system to
17 collect membership dues, nonmembership fees or a political
18 contribution from an employee. A provision in a collective
19 bargaining agreement which authorizes collection in violation of
20 this subsection is void.

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 these proposed constitutional amendments.

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 these proposed constitutional amendments. The Secretary of the
7 Commonwealth shall submit the proposed constitutional amendments
8 under section 1 of this resolution to the qualified electors of
9 this Commonwealth as a single ballot question at the first
10 primary, general or municipal election which meets the
11 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article
12 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least
13 three months after the proposed constitutional amendments are
14 passed by the General Assembly.