

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1239 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY TEPLITZ AND BREWSTER, JUNE 14, 2016

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 14, 2016

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, providing for recall of elected public
3 officers if a general appropriation bill is not signed into
4 law by December 31 after the beginning of a fiscal year.

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

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

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

11 § 18. Recall of elected public officers.

12 The Governor, Lieutenant Governor and each member of the
13 General Assembly shall be subject to recall by the voters of
14 this Commonwealth or the legislative district from which the
15 member was elected if a general appropriation bill comprised of
16 at least 90% of the previous year's appropriations is not signed
17 into law by 11:59 p.m. on December 31 after the beginning of a
18 fiscal year. The General Assembly shall prescribe the procedures
19 for a recall under this section.

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

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