

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 761 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY ARGALL, BLAKE, MARTIN, WHITE, BAKER, RAFFERTY, YUDICHAK, FOLMER, VULAKOVICH, STEFANO, RESCHENTHALER, DiSANTO, SCAVELLO, ALLOWAY, BROWNE AND McILHINNEY, JUNE 16, 2017

SENATOR FOLMER, STATE GOVERNMENT, AS AMENDED, DECEMBER 12, 2017

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, in the Executive, further providing for
3 Lieutenant Governor.

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 That section 4 of Article IV be amended to read:

9 § 4. Lieutenant Governor.

10 [A Lieutenant Governor shall be chosen jointly with the <--
11 Governor by the casting by each voter of a single vote
12 applicable to both offices, for the same term, and subject to
13 the same provisions as the Governor[; he]. The candidate of each <--
14 political party for election to the office of Lieutenant
15 Governor shall be selected by the candidate of that party
16 nominated for election to the office of Governor and shall be
17 approved by the State committee of that party. The selection of

1 ~~the candidate for election to the office of Lieutenant Governor~~
2 ~~shall be made within 30 days following the nomination of the~~
3 ~~candidate for election to the office of Governor. EACH CANDIDATE <--~~
4 FOR GOVERNOR, HAVING WON THE NOMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE'S
5 PARTY, SHALL SELECT THE CANDIDATE FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR NO
6 LATER THAN 90 DAYS BEFORE THE GENERAL GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION,
7 SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE CANDIDATE'S POLITICAL PARTY. A
8 person may not seek election to both offices simultaneously. The
9 Lieutenant Governor shall be President of the Senate. As such,
10 [he] the Lieutenant Governor may vote in case of a tie on any
11 question except the final passage of a bill or joint resolution,
12 the adoption of a conference report or the concurrence in
13 amendments made by the House of Representatives.

14 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
15 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, 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 this proposed constitutional amendment.

22 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this
23 proposed constitutional amendment, 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 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the
30 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment

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