
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 25, 1980

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania providing for the use of binding arbitration
3 procedures between public employees and their public
4 employers.

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 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with
9 the provisions of Article XI thereof:

10 That section 31 of Article III be amended to read:

11 § 31. Delegation of certain powers prohibited.

12 The General Assembly shall not delegate to any special
13 commission, private corporation or association, any power to
14 make, supervise or interfere with any municipal improvement,
15 money, property or effects, whether held in trust or otherwise,
16 or to levy taxes or perform any municipal function whatever.

17 Notwithstanding the foregoing limitation or any other
18 provision of the Constitution, the General Assembly may enact

1 laws which provide that the findings of panels or commissions,
2 selected and acting in accordance with law for the adjustment or
3 settlement of grievances or disputes or for collective
4 bargaining between policemen, [and] firemen and public employees
5 and their public employers shall be binding upon all parties and
6 shall constitute a mandate to the head of the political
7 subdivision which is the employer, or to the appropriate officer
8 of the Commonwealth if the Commonwealth is the employer, with
9 respect to matters which can be remedied by administrative
10 action, and to the lawmaking body of such political subdivision
11 or of the Commonwealth, with respect to matters which require
12 legislative action, to take the action necessary to carry out
13 such findings.