
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 337 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, HUGHES, FONTANA, BREWSTER AND MENSCH,
JANUARY 28, 2015

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, JANUARY 28, 2015

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for retirement of
3 justices, judges and justices of the peace.

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 16(b) of Article V be amended to read:

9 § 16. Compensation and retirement of justices, judges and
10 justices of the peace.

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12 (b) Justices, judges and justices of the peace shall be
13 retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they
14 attain the age of [70] 75 years. Former and retired justices,
15 judges and justices of the peace shall receive such compensation
16 as shall be provided by law. Except as provided by law, no
17 salary, retirement benefit or other compensation, present or
18 deferred, shall be paid to any justice, judge or justice of the

1 peace who, under section 18 or under Article VI, is suspended,
2 removed or barred from holding judicial office for conviction of
3 a felony or misconduct in office or conduct which prejudices the
4 proper administration of justice or brings the judicial office
5 into disrepute.

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

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