

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY BAKER, FARGO, GEIST, ARMSTRONG, LAUB, ALLEN,
FICHTER, SAURMAN, PLATTS, HUTCHINSON, HERSHEY, STERN, LEH,
ZUG, ROHRER, BIRMELIN AND HENNESSEY, APRIL 21, 1993

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 21, 1993

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, providing for a limit on operating budget
3 increases.

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 13 of Article VIII be amended to read:

9 § 13. Appropriations.

10 (a) Operating budget appropriations made by the General
11 Assembly shall not exceed the actual and estimated revenues and
12 surplus available in the same fiscal year.

13 (b) The General Assembly shall adopt a capital budget for
14 the ensuing fiscal year.

15 (c) (1) Any increase in an operating budget from that
16 budget of the immediately prior fiscal year shall not exceed the
17 average percentage increase in the personal income of the

1 residents of this Commonwealth for the prior fiscal year, as
2 calculated by the Department of Revenue and certified by the
3 Auditor General.

4 (2) An increase in the operating budget over the limit
5 prescribed in clause (1) may occur only by a vote of two-thirds
6 of all the members elected to each House.