

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

No. 1362 Session of  
1995

INTRODUCED BY BOYES, ROBERTS, GRUPPO, TRELLO, CAPPABIANCA,  
SCRIMENTI, PITTS, NYCE, GORDNER, CONTI, FARGO, LYNCH, RUBLEY,  
KREBS, MELIO, D. W. SNYDER, SURRA, BROWNE, SEMMEL, SERAFINI,  
HENNESSEY, WALKO, BATTISTO, MAITLAND, VAN HORNE, COY, MUNDY,  
KUKOVICH, LEVDANSKY, STRITTMATTER, MAYERNIK, FLICK, SAYLOR,  
PESCI, HERSHEY, GEIST, ALLEN, REBER, CARONE, FARMER, DeLUCA,  
KENNEY, BUNT, MERRY, TIGUE, McCALL, BAKER, ROBINSON, CLYMER,  
SATHER, GANNON, TRICH, DEMPSEY, RAYMOND, STABACK, PISTELLA,  
FAJT, CLARK, ROHRER, PLATTS, STISH, GODSHALL, DRUCE, MILLER  
AND HANNA, APRIL 19, 1995

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, APRIL 19, 1995

## A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, authorizing an exclusion from taxation of a  
3 portion of the value of homestead property.

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 2(b) of Article VIII be amended by adding a  
9 clause to read:

10 § 2. Exemptions and special provisions.

11 \* \* \*

12 (b) The General Assembly may, by law:

13 \* \* \*

14 (vi) Establish separate classes of subjects of taxation for

1 real estate exclusively for the purposes of providing for dollar  
2 value or percentage exemptions from market or assessed value for  
3 property used as a homestead.

4 \* \* \*

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

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