

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 226 Session of
1997

INTRODUCED BY DeLUCA, TIGUE, CURRY, READSHAW, WALKO, PLATTS,
MELIO, BATTISTO, EGOLF, PRESTON, GIGLIOTTI, COLAFELLA,
CARONE, SHANER, TRAVAGLIO, YOUNGBLOOD, LAUGHLIN, JOSEPHS,
TRELLO AND STEELMAN, FEBRUARY 4, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 4, 1997

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, providing for consideration of bills in each
3 house.

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 III be amended to read:

9 § 4. Consideration of bills.

10 Every bill shall be considered on three different days in
11 each House. All amendments made thereto shall be printed for the
12 use of the members before the final vote is taken on the bill
13 and before the final vote is taken, upon written request
14 addressed to the presiding officer of either House by at least
15 25% of the members elected to that House, any bill shall be read
16 at length in that House. Each bill which receives an affirmative
17 vote in its house of origin and is transmitted to the other

1 house and referred to committee shall be considered and voted
2 upon by the receiving committee prior to the end of the
3 legislative session in which it was introduced. No bill shall
4 become a law, unless on its final passage the vote is taken by
5 yeas and nays, the names of the persons voting for and against
6 it are entered on the journal, and a majority of the members
7 elected to each House is recorded thereon as voting in its
8 favor.

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

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

1 Pennsylvania.