

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY GIBBONS, HORNAMAN, JOSEPHS AND KORTZ, MAY 29, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 29, 2009

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, providing for recall of elected public  
3 officers.

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 Article VI be amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 8. Recall of elected public officers.

10 All elected public officers, except judicial officers, are  
11 subject to recall by the voters of the Commonwealth or political  
12 subdivision from which elected for malfeasance or nonfeasance.  
13 The procedures for recall shall be prescribed by the General  
14 Assembly.

15 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General  
16 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the  
17 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to  
18 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article  
19 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the

1 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in  
2 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after  
3 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

4 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this  
5 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the  
6 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the  
7 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the  
8 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required  
9 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such  
10 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of  
11 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the  
12 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment  
13 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first  
14 primary, general or municipal election which meets the  
15 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article  
16 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least  
17 three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is  
18 passed by the General Assembly.