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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 17, 2012

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for the qualifications of
3 Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General.

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 5 of Article IV be amended to read:

9 § 5. Qualifications of Governor, Lieutenant Governor and
10 Attorney General.

11 No person shall be eligible to the office of Governor,
12 Lieutenant Governor or Attorney General except a citizen of the
13 United States, who shall have attained the age of 30 years, and
14 have been seven years next preceding his election an inhabitant
15 of this Commonwealth, unless he shall have been absent on the
16 public business of the United States or of this Commonwealth. No
17 person shall be eligible to the office of Attorney General
18 except a member of the bar of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

1 No person holding the office of Attorney General shall be
2 eligible for the office of Governor until four years after he
3 leaves office.

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

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