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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 306 Session of  
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WAUGH AND D. WHITE, JANUARY 25, 2013

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 25, 2013

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, providing for super-majority votes relating  
3 to the imposition of taxes or license fees.

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 VIII be amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 18. Imposition and increase of taxes and fees.

10 (a) No tax or license fee may be imposed or levied except  
11 pursuant to an act of the General Assembly adopted with the  
12 concurrence of two-thirds of all members of each House.

13 (b) The rate of any tax or license fee may not be increased  
14 except pursuant to an act of the General Assembly adopted with  
15 the concurrence of two-thirds of all members of each House.

16 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General  
17 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the  
18 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to

1 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article  
2 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the  
3 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in  
4 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after  
5 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

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