A JOINT RESOLUTION

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. The following integrated amendments to the Constitution of Pennsylvania are proposed in accordance with Article XI:

(1) That section 9 of Article II be amended to read:

§ 9. Election of officers; judge of election and qualifications of members.

The Senate shall, at the beginning and close of each regular session and at such other times as may be necessary, elect one of its members President pro tempore[ ], who shall perform the...
duties of the Lieutenant Governor, in any case of absence or
disability of that officer, and whenever the said office of
Lieutenant Governor shall be vacant]. The House of
Representatives shall elect one of its members as Speaker. Each
House shall choose its other officers, and shall judge of the
election and qualifications of its members.

(2) That section 1 of Article IV be amended to read:

§ 1. Executive Department.

The Executive Department of this Commonwealth shall consist
of a Governor, [Lieutenant Governor,] Attorney General, Auditor
General, State Treasurer, and Superintendent of Public
Instruction and such other officers as the General Assembly may
from time to time prescribe.

(3) That section 4 of Article IV be amended to read:

[§ 4. Lieutenant Governor.

A Lieutenant Governor shall be chosen jointly with the
Governor by the casting by each voter of a single vote
applicable to both offices, for the same term, and subject to
the same provisions as the Governor; he shall be President of
the Senate. As such, he may vote in case of a tie on any
question except the final passage of a bill or joint resolution,
the adoption of a conference report or the concurrence in
amendments made by the House of Representatives.]

(4) That section 5 of Article IV be amended to read:

§ 5. Qualifications of Governor[, Lieutenant Governor] and
Attorney General.

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

(5) That section 6 of Article IV be amended to read:
§ 6. Disqualification for offices of Governor[, Lieutenant
Governor] and Attorney General.

No member of Congress or person holding any office (except of
attorney-at-law or in the National Guard or in a reserve
component of the armed forces of the United States) under the
United States or this Commonwealth shall exercise the office of
Governor[, Lieutenant Governor] or Attorney General.

(6) That section 9 of Article IV be amended to read:
§ 9. Pardoning power; Board of Pardons.
(a) In all criminal cases except impeachment the Governor
shall have power to remit fines and forfeitures, to grant
reprieves, commutation of sentences and pardons; but no pardon
shall be granted, nor sentence commuted, except on the
recommendation in writing of a majority of the Board of Pardons,
and, in the case of a sentence of death or life imprisonment, on
the unanimous recommendation in writing of the Board of Pardons,
after full hearing in open session, upon due public notice. The
recommendation, with the reasons therefor at length, shall be
delivered to the Governor and a copy thereof shall be kept on
file in the office of the [Lieutenant] Governor in a docket kept
for that purpose.

(b) The Board of Pardons shall consist of the [Lieutenant
Governor] Attorney General who shall be chairman[, the Attorney
General and three] and four members appointed by the Governor
with the consent of a majority of the members elected to the
Senate for terms of six years. The [three] members appointed by
the Governor shall be residents of Pennsylvania. One shall be a
crime victim, one a corrections expert [and the third], one a
doctor of medicine, psychiatrist or psychologist and one a law
enforcement officer. The board shall keep records of its
actions, which shall at all times be open for public inspection.

(7) That section 13 of Article IV be amended to read:

§ 13. When [Lieutenant Governor] President pro tempore of the Senate to act as Governor.

(a) In the case of the death, conviction on impeachment,
failure to qualify or resignation of the Governor, the
[Lieutenant Governor] President pro tempore of the Senate shall become Governor for the remainder of the term [and in] if there are fewer than 60 days remaining to that term or, if there are 60 days or more remaining to that term, the President pro tempore of the Senate shall become Governor until a special election is convened and a Governor is sworn in as provided by law.

(b) In the case of the disability of the Governor, the powers, duties and emoluments of the office shall devolve upon the [Lieutenant Governor] President pro tempore of the Senate until the disability is removed or if there are fewer than 60 days remaining to the term of office for the Governor or, if there are 60 days or more remaining to the term of office for the Governor, the President pro tempore of the Senate shall become Governor until a special election is convened and a Governor is sworn in as provided by law.

(8) THAT SECTION 14 OF ARTICLE IV BE AMENDED TO READ:

§ 14. VACANCY IN OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

IN CASE OF THE DEATH, CONVICTION ON IMPEACHMENT, FAILURE TO
QUALIFY OR RESIGNATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, OR IN CASE HE
SHOULD BECOME GOVERNOR UNDER SECTION 13 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE SHALL BECOME LIEUTENANT
GOVERNOR FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM. IN CASE OF THE
DISABILITY OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, THE POWERS, DUTIES AND
EMOLUMENTS OF THE OFFICE SHALL DEVOLVE UPON THE PRESIDENT PRO
TEMPORE OF THE SENATE UNTIL THE DISABILITY IS REMOVED. SHOULD
THERE BE NO LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF
THE SENATE SHALL BECOME GOVERNOR IF A VACANCY SHALL OCCUR IN THE
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR AND IN CASE OF THE DISABILITY OF THE
GOVERNOR, THE POWERS, DUTIES AND EMOLUMENTS OF THE OFFICE SHALL
DEVOLVE UPON THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE UNTIL THE
DISABILITY IS REMOVED. HIS SEAT AS SENATOR SHALL BECOME VACANT
WHenever he shall become governor and shall be filled by
ELECTION AS ANY OTHER VACANCY IN THE SENATE.

§ 17. Contested elections of Governor[, Lieutenant Governor]
and Attorney General; when succeeded.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall preside upon the
trial of any contested election of Governor[, Lieutenant
Governor] or Attorney General and shall decide questions
regarding the admissibility of evidence, and shall, upon request
of the committee, pronounce his opinion upon other questions of
law involved in the trial. The Governor[, Lieutenant Governor]
and Attorney General shall exercise the duties of their
respective offices until their successors shall be duly
qualified.

§ 7. Removal of civil officers.

All civil officers shall hold their offices on the condition
that they behave themselves well while in office, and shall be removed on conviction of misbehavior in office or of any infamous crime. Appointed civil officers, other than judges of the courts of record, may be removed at the pleasure of the power by which they shall have been appointed. All civil officers elected by the people, except the Governor, [the Lieutenant Governor,] members of the General Assembly and judges of the courts of record, shall be removed by the Governor for reasonable cause, after due notice and full hearing, on the address of two-thirds of the Senate.

Section 2. The following separate and distinct amendments to the Constitution are proposed in accordance with Article XI:

(1) That section 16 of Article II be amended to read:

§ 16. Legislative districts.

The Commonwealth shall be divided into [50] 45 senatorial and 203 representative districts, which shall be composed of compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as practicable. Each senatorial district shall elect one Senator, and each representative district one Representative. Unless absolutely necessary no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward shall be divided in forming either a senatorial or representative district.

(2) That section 2 of Article V be amended to read:

§ 2. Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court (a) shall be the highest court of the Commonwealth and in this court shall be reposed the supreme judicial power of the Commonwealth; (b) shall consist of [seven] five justices, one of whom shall be the Chief Justice; and (c) shall have such jurisdiction as shall be provided by
law.

(3) That section 3 of Article V be amended to read:

§ 3. Superior Court.
The Superior Court shall be a statewide court, and shall consist of the number of judges, which shall be not less than seven judges and not more than eleven judges, and have such jurisdiction as shall be provided by this Constitution or by the General Assembly. One of its judges shall be the president judge.

Section 3. (a) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of the proposed integrated constitutional amendments under section 1, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of these proposed constitutional amendments. (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of the proposed integrated constitutional amendments under section 1, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of the proposed constitutional amendments under section 1. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall submit the proposed constitutional amendments under section 1 as a single ballot question to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first primary, general or municipal election which meets the
requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least three months after the proposed integrated constitutional amendments under section 1 are passed by the General Assembly.

(c) Upon approval RATIFICATION BY THE ELECTORS of the proposed integrated constitutional amendments under section 1 by the qualified electors of this Commonwealth, any act or part of an act of the General Assembly that is in effect upon such approval and that refers to the Lieutenant Governor shall not be deemed to include the Lieutenant Governor, and where such act or part of an act requires the Lieutenant Governor to have any power or to exercise any duty, such power or duty shall be abolished following the expiration of the current Lieutenant Governor's term of office.

Section 4. (a) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of the THREE separate and distinct proposed constitutional amendments under section 2, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of the THREE separate and distinct proposed constitutional amendments under section 2.

(b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of the THREE separate and distinct proposed constitutional amendments under section 2, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in
every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of the THREE separate and distinct proposed constitutional amendments under section 2. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall submit the THREE separate and distinct proposed constitutional amendments under section 2 as separate ballot questions to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first primary, general or municipal election which meets the requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least three months after the THREE separate and distinct proposed constitutional amendments under section 2 are passed by the General Assembly.

Section 5. Upon ratification by the electors, the General Assembly shall enact legislation to implement the amendment of section 16 of article ii of the Constitution of Pennsylvania so that it applies for the first time to the first session of the General Assembly which begins after the 2020 reapportionment following the 2020 federal decennial census.

Section 6. The Senate and House of Representatives, upon the effective date of the amendment of section 16 of Article II of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, shall each reduce their budgets by 40% compared to the budgets of the prior year. UPON RATIFICATION BY THE ELECTORS, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL ENACT LEGISLATION TO IMPLEMENT THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 2 OF ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA SO THAT IT APPLIES FOR THE FIRST TIME WHEN A VACANCY EXISTS ON THE SUPREME COURT AND DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY CURRENT MEMBER OF THE SUPREME COURT.

SECTION 7. UPON RATIFICATION BY THE ELECTORS, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL ENACT LEGISLATION TO IMPLEMENT THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 3 OF ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA SO
1 THAT IT APPLIES FOR THE FIRST TIME WHEN A VACANCY EXISTS ON THE
2 SUPERIOR COURT AND DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY CURRENT MEMBER OF THE
3 SUPERIOR COURT.