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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 17, 2017

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, in the Legislature, further providing for
3 terms of members.

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

9 § 3. Terms of members.

10 Senators and Representatives shall be elected for the term of
11 four years [and Representatives for the term of two years].

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

1 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
2 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

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