

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for Lieutenant Governor.

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

5 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of  
6 Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

7 That section 4 of Article IV be amended to read:

8 § 4. Lieutenant Governor.

9 [A Lieutenant Governor shall be chosen jointly with the  
10 Governor by the casting by each voter of a single vote  
11 applicable to both offices, for the same term, and subject to  
12 the same provisions as the Governor; he] ~~Each candidate for~~ <--  
13 ~~Governor, having won the nomination of the candidate's party,~~  
14 ~~shall select the candidate for Lieutenant Governor no later than~~  
15 ~~90 days before the general gubernatorial election, subject to~~  
16 ~~the approval of the candidate's political party. EACH CANDIDATE~~ <--

1 FOR GOVERNOR, HAVING BEEN NOMINATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS  
2 COMMONWEALTH, SHALL, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE POLITICAL  
3 PARTY OR POLITICAL BODY, IF ANY, NOMINATING SUCH CANDIDATE,  
4 SELECT A CANDIDATE FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR WITHIN SUCH TIME  
5 BEFORE THE GUBERNATORIAL GENERAL ELECTION AS THE GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY SHALL PRESCRIBE BY LAW. A person may not seek election  
7 to both offices simultaneously. The Lieutenant Governor shall be  
8 President of the Senate. As such, [he] the Lieutenant Governor  
9 may vote in case of a tie on any question except the final  
10 passage of a bill or joint resolution, the adoption of a  
11 conference report or the concurrence in amendments made by the  
12 House of Representatives.

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

21 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this  
22 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the  
23 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the  
24 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the  
25 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required  
26 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such  
27 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of  
28 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the  
29 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment  
30 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first

1 primary, general or municipal election which meets the  
2 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article  
3 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least  
4 three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is  
5 passed by the General Assembly.