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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 519 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY MASTRIANO, PHILLIPS-HILL, REGAN, ARGALL AND  
PITTMAN, APRIL 22, 2021

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 22, 2021

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for election of members  
3 and vacancies.

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 2 of Article II be amended to read:

9 § 2. Election of members; vacancies.

10 Members of the General Assembly shall be chosen at the  
11 general election every second year. Their term of service shall  
12 begin on the first day of [~~December~~] January next after their  
13 election. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in either House, the  
14 presiding officer thereof shall issue a writ of election to fill  
15 such vacancy for the remainder of the term.

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.