

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 153

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 1, by striking out "an amendment"
2 and inserting
3 integrated amendments

4 Amend Bill, page 1, line 2, by striking out "reducing the
5 size of the General Assembly." and inserting
6 further providing for election of members and vacancies, for
7 terms of members, for sessions, for compensation, for
8 legislative districts, for Governor's budget and financial
9 plan, for appropriations and for surplus.

10 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 5 through 7, by striking out all of
11 said lines and inserting

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

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

16 § 2. Election of members; vacancies.

17 Members of the General Assembly shall be chosen at the
18 general election [every second year]. Their term of service
19 shall begin on the first day of December next after their
20 election. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in either House, the
21 presiding officer thereof shall issue a writ of election to fill
22 such vacancy for the remainder of the term.

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

24 § 3. Terms of members.

25 [Senators] (a) Except as provided under subsection (b),
26 members shall be elected for the term of four years [and
27 Representatives for the term of two years].

28 (b) At the first general election after the adoption of the
29 amendment adding this subsection, members from odd-numbered
30 districts shall be elected for terms of four years.

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

32 § 4. Sessions.

33 (a) The General Assembly shall be a continuing body [during
34 the term for which its Representatives are elected. It shall

1 meet at 12 o'clock noon on] from the first Tuesday of January
2 [each] of an odd-numbered year[.] until November 30 of the
3 fourth following year. Regular sessions shall be conducted
4 during the months of January and February in each odd-numbered
5 year. Special sessions shall be called by the Governor on
6 petition of a majority of the members elected to each House or
7 may be called by the Governor whenever in his opinion the public
8 interest requires.

9 (b) The amendment of subsection (a) shall apply to the
10 General Assembly elected at the first general election after the
11 adoption of the amendment adding this subsection.

12 (4) That section 8 of Article II be amended to read:

13 § 8. Compensation.

14 The members of the General Assembly shall receive [such
15 salary] compensation for their services and mileage for regular
16 and special sessions as shall be fixed by law, and no other
17 compensation whatever, whether for service upon committee or
18 otherwise. No member of either House shall during the term for
19 which he may have been elected, receive any increase of salary,
20 or mileage, under any law passed during such term.

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

22 Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 2 and 3

23 (6) That section 12 of Article VIII be amended to read:

24 § 12. Governor's budgets and financial plan.

25 [Annually] Biennially, at the times set by law, the Governor
26 shall submit to the General Assembly:

27 (a) A balanced operating budget for the ensuing two fiscal
28 [year] years setting forth in detail for each fiscal year (i)
29 proposed expenditures classified by department or agency and by
30 program and (ii) estimated revenues from all sources. If
31 estimated revenues and available surplus are less than proposed
32 expenditures, the Governor shall recommend specific additional
33 sources of revenue sufficient to pay the deficiency and the
34 estimated revenue to be derived from each source;

35 (b) A capital budget for the ensuing two fiscal [year] years
36 setting forth in detail for each fiscal year proposed
37 expenditures to be financed from the proceeds of obligations of
38 the Commonwealth or of its agencies or authorities or from
39 operating funds; and

40 (c) A financial plan for not less than the next succeeding
41 [five] six fiscal years, which plan shall include for each such
42 fiscal year:

43 (i) Projected operating expenditures classified by
44 department or agency and by program, in reasonable detail, and
45 estimated revenues, by major categories, from existing and
46 additional sources, and

47 (ii) Projected expenditures for capital projects
48 specifically itemized by purpose, and the proposed sources of
49 financing each.

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

2 § 13. Appropriations.

3 (a) Operating budget appropriations made by the General
4 Assembly shall not exceed the actual and estimated revenues and
5 surplus available in the same fiscal year.

6 (b) The General Assembly shall adopt a capital budget for
7 the ensuing two fiscal [year] years.

8 (8) That section 14 of Article VIII be amended to read:

9 § 14. Surplus.

10 All surplus of operating funds at the end of the fiscal year
11 shall be appropriated during the ensuing two fiscal [year] years
12 by the General Assembly.