
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY ECKER, STAMBAUGH, RYAN, KAUFFMAN, KEEFER, GROVE,
MOUL, BERNSTINE, BROOKS, GLEIM, SCHLEGEL CULVER, ZIMMERMAN
AND ROWE, AUGUST 22, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, AUGUST 22, 2022

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for method of elections
3 and secrecy in voting.

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 That section 4 of Article VII be amended to read:

9 § 4. Method of elections; secrecy in voting.

10 All elections by the citizens shall be by ballot or by such
11 other method as may be prescribed by law: Provided, That secrecy
12 in voting be preserved[.] and the right of individuals to vote
13 by secret ballot is fundamental. When Federal or State law
14 requires an election for public office or public vote on an
15 initiative or referendum or for a designation or authorization
16 of employee representation, the right of individuals to vote by
17 secret ballot shall be guaranteed.

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

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