
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 904 Session of
1999

INTRODUCED BY GREENLEAF, HART, COSTA, DENT, KASUNIC, O'PAKE,
STOUT AND TOMLINSON, MAY 3, 1999

REFERRED TO FINANCE, MAY 3, 1999

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, authorizing the General Assembly to increase
3 certain benefits or pensions.

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 26 of Article III be amended to read:

9 § 26. Extra compensation prohibited; claims against the
10 Commonwealth; retirement benefits or pensions.

11 No bill shall be passed giving any extra compensation to any
12 public officer, servant, employee, agent or contractor, after
13 services shall have been rendered or contract made, nor
14 providing for the payment of any claim against the Commonwealth
15 without previous authority of law: Provided, however, That
16 nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to prohibit the
17 General Assembly from authorizing the increase of retirement

1 [allowances] benefits or pensions payable to members or
2 beneficiaries who are spouses of members of a retirement or
3 pension system now in effect or hereafter legally constituted by
4 the Commonwealth, its political subdivisions, agencies or
5 instrumentalities, after the termination of the services of said
6 member, provided that such increases are certified to be
7 actuarially sound.

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

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