
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 1896 Session of
1984

INTRODUCED BY KUKOVICH AND AFFLERBACH, FEBRUARY 7, 1984

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 7, 1984

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, insuring freedom of speech and freedom of
3 association to candidates for judicial office.

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 13 of Article V be amended by adding a
9 subsection to read:

10 § 13. Election of justices, judges and justices of the peace;
11 vacancies.

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13 (f) All candidates for judicial office may freely
14 communicate their thoughts and opinions and may freely speak,
15 write and print on any subject, being responsible for any abuse
16 of that liberty, and neither the Supreme Court nor any other
17 court nor any agency, committee or unit of the unified judicial

1 system shall have the power to limit the right of any candidate
2 to present views on any legal or political issue or to limit the
3 candidate's right to attend any lawful gathering.