

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE BILL

## No. 1898

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INTRODUCED BY LAWLESS, ANDERSON, RAYMOND, ADOLPH, TULLI AND  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JULY 11, 1991

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## A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for the continuance of the  
3 budget of the preceding year in the event that a new budget  
4 is not adopted by July 1.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby resolves as follows:

7 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of  
8 Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

9 That section 12 of Article VIII be amended to read:

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

11 (a) Annually, at the times set by law, the Governor shall  
12 submit to the General Assembly:

13 ~~[(a)]~~ (1) A balanced operating budget for the ensuing  
14 fiscal year setting forth in detail (i) proposed expenditures  
15 classified by department or agency and by program and (ii)  
16 estimated revenues from all sources. If estimated revenues and  
17 available surplus are less than proposed expenditures, the  
18 Governor shall recommend specific additional sources of revenue

1 sufficient to pay the deficiency and the estimated revenue to be  
2 derived from each source;

3 [(b)] (2) A capital budget for the ensuing fiscal year  
4 setting forth in detail proposed expenditures to be financed  
5 from the proceeds of obligations of the Commonwealth or of its  
6 agencies or authorities or from operating funds; and

7 [(c)] (3) A financial plan for not less than the next  
8 succeeding five fiscal years, which plan shall include for each  
9 such fiscal year:

10 (i) Projected operating expenditures classified by  
11 department or agency and by program, in reasonable detail, and  
12 estimated revenues, by major categories, from existing and  
13 additional sources, and

14 (ii) Projected expenditures for capital projects  
15 specifically itemized by purpose, and the proposed sources of  
16 financing each.

17 (b) In the event a general appropriation bill is not finally  
18 enacted prior to July 1 of the fiscal year to which it relates,  
19 the General Appropriation Act and other acts appropriating  
20 moneys from the General Fund in effect for the preceding fiscal  
21 year shall on July 1 be deemed to have been reenacted for the  
22 new fiscal year and be applicable to the new fiscal year,  
23 together with any amendments to that General Appropriation Act  
24 and other acts appropriating moneys from the General Fund  
25 finally enacted by the General Assembly during the new or  
26 preceding fiscal year. The General Assembly by law may prescribe  
27 procedures for carrying out this subsection and may provide for  
28 the effect of the final enactment of a general appropriation  
29 bill and other appropriation bills on or after July 1 of the  
30 fiscal year to which it relates.