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HANNA, GERLACH AND SCHEETZ, OCTOBER 13, 1993

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 13, 1993

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of
2 Pennsylvania, limiting terms of members; and providing for a
3 referendum on reelection of members.

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

6 Section 1. The following amendments to the Constitution of
7 Pennsylvania are proposed in accordance with Article XI:

8 (1) That section 3 of Article II be amended to read:

9 § 3. Terms of members.

10 Senators shall be elected for the term of four years and
11 Representatives for the term of two years. Consecutive terms of
12 office for each Senator or Representative shall not exceed eight
13 years unless authorized by referendum.

14 (2) That Article II be amended by adding a section to read:

15 § 18. Referendum on reelection of members.

16 A member of the Senate or House of Representatives who has
17 completed eight years of legislative service may be a candidate

for reelection to the same political office if a majority of voters in their legislative or senatorial district by referendum permit the member to be a candidate for that office. The referendum that shall be placed on the ballot during the general election of the year preceding the year when the member will complete eight years of service shall read:

Senator or Representative (fill in name) will have completed eight years of legislative service as your Senator or Representative for the (fill in number) district at the completion of next year's general election on (fill in date). Under Pennsylvania law, Senator or Representative (fill in name) may not be a candidate for the office of State Senator or Representative unless a majority of voters in this senatorial or legislative district permit him or her to be a candidate for reelection to this office. If a majority of voters of this senatorial or legislative district vote to allow him or her to run for this office in next year's election, then he or she will be permitted to place his or her name on the ballot as a candidate for reelection to this office for additional four two-year terms or two four-year terms. Based on this law, please answer the following question:

Should Senator or Representative (fill in name) be permitted to be a candidate for reelection to the office of Senator or Representative in next year's election if he or she chooses?

Section 2. Service in the General Assembly, whether the service constitutes a full term of office or a partial term of office, performed prior to the effective date of the amendment

1 proposed in section 1 shall not be considered in determining the
2 maximum number of consecutive full terms a senator or
3 representative may serve or in determining eligibility of a
4 senator or representative for election.