

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 449 Session of
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CAWLEY AND BELARDI, FEBRUARY 11, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 11, 1997

AN ACT

1 Providing for a Statewide referendum on the question of whether
2 persons who have been convicted of three separate serious
3 felonies should receive life imprisonment without parole.

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

6 Section 1. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall cause to
7 be placed on the ballot, at the municipal or general election
8 next following the effective date of this act, a referendum to
9 determine the will of the electorate of this Commonwealth with
10 respect to the passage of the life sentence without parole
11 statute. The referendum shall be advertised and conducted in
12 accordance with the provisions of the act of June 3, 1937
13 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code.

14 Section 2. The question shall be in substantially the
15 following form:

16 Shall the General Assembly enact legislation which will
17 require persons who have been convicted of three separate
18 serious felonies to be sentenced to life imprisonment

1 without parole?

2 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.