

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**SENATE BILL****No. 1598** Session of  
2000

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, NOVEMBER 21, 2000

## A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for sessions.

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

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

7 That section 4 of Article II be amended to read:

8 § 4. Sessions.

9 The General Assembly shall be a continuing body during the  
10 term for which its Representatives are elected. It shall meet at  
11 12 o'clock noon on the first Tuesday of January each year.  
12 Special sessions shall be called by the Governor on petition of  
13 a majority of the members elected to each House or may be called  
14 by the Governor whenever in his opinion the public interest  
15 requires. However, unless meeting in special session, the  
16 General Assembly may not meet for the purposes of considering  
17 legislation under Article III after the 25th day preceding the

1 general election.

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

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