
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY GREENLEAF, EARLL, GERLACH, KITCHEN, RHOADES,
TOMLINSON AND WAUGH, FEBRUARY 5, 2001

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 5, 2001

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, changing provisions relating to prohibited
3 activities by justices and judges.

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 17(b) of Article V be amended to read:

9 § 17. Prohibited activities.

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11 (b) Justices and judges shall not engage in any activity
12 prohibited by law and shall not violate any canon of legal or
13 judicial ethics prescribed by the Supreme Court. Justices of the
14 peace shall be governed by rules or canons which shall be
15 prescribed by the Supreme Court. Justices and judges may in the
16 year of their candidacy for election speak out on political and
17 disputed legal issues.

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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.