
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 12

Session of
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A. WILLIAMS, JANUARY 21, 2003

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, JANUARY 21, 2003

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, prohibiting imposition of the death penalty.

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 13 of Article I be amended to read:

8 § 13. Bail, fines and punishments.

9 Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines
10 imposed, nor cruel punishments inflicted. A sentence of death
11 shall not be imposed as a punishment for any criminal offense.

12 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
13 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the
14 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to
15 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
16 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
17 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in

1 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
2 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

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