

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

No. 522 Session of  
2007

INTRODUCED BY NAILOR, HUTCHINSON, CALTAGIRONE, McILHATTAN,  
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ROAE, ROHRER, SAMUELSON, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, STABACK, STERN,  
SWANGER, TRUE, BASTIAN AND DENLINGER, MARCH 9, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 9, 2007

## A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, providing for concurrence of two-thirds of  
3 all members of each House for the passage of measures  
4 considered during the time period between a general election  
5 and adjournment sine die of the General Assembly.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby resolves as follows:

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

10 That section 4 of Article III be amended to read:

11 § 4. Consideration of bills.

12 Every bill shall be considered on three different days in  
13 each House. All amendments made thereto shall be printed for the  
14 use of the members before the final vote is taken on the bill  
15 and before the final vote is taken, upon written request  
16 addressed to the presiding officer of either House by at least  
17 25% of the members elected to that House, any bill shall be read

1 at length in that House. No bill shall become a law, unless on  
2 its final passage the vote is taken by yeas and nays, the names  
3 of the persons voting for and against it are entered on the  
4 journal, and a majority of the members elected to each House is  
5 recorded thereon as voting in its favor. During the period of  
6 time between a general election and the adjournment of the  
7 General Assembly sine die, legislation upon which final votes  
8 are taken shall each require concurrence by two-thirds of all  
9 members of each House for passage.

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

18 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this  
19 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the  
20 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the  
21 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the  
22 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required  
23 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such  
24 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of  
25 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the  
26 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment  
27 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first  
28 primary, general or municipal election which meets the  
29 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article  
30 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least

- 1 three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is
- 2 passed by the General Assembly.