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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 671 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY GALLOWAY, BENNINGHOFF, CALTAGIRONE, HARHAI,  
MUSTIO, ROAE AND HORNAMAN, MARCH 9, 2007

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 9, 2007

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing integrated amendments to the Constitution of the  
2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for refusal of  
3 compensation of public officers.

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

6 Section 1. The following integrated amendments to the  
7 Constitution of Pennsylvania are proposed in accordance with  
8 Article XI:

9 (1) That section 8 of Article II be amended to read:

10 § 8. Compensation.

11 The members of the General Assembly shall receive such salary  
12 and mileage for regular and special sessions as shall be fixed  
13 by law, and no other compensation whatever, whether for service  
14 upon committee or otherwise. No member of either House shall  
15 during the term for which he may have been elected, receive any  
16 increase of salary, or mileage, under any law passed during such  
17 term. A member of either House may decline to accept an increase

1 in salary and mileage.

2 (2) That Article IV be amended by adding a section to read:

3 § 1.1. Compensation.

4 A public officer in the executive branch may decline to  
5 accept an increase in salary and mileage.

6 (3) That section 16(a) of Article V be amended to read:

7 § 16. Compensation and retirement of justices, judges and  
8 justices of the peace.

9 (a) Justices, judges and justices of the peace shall be  
10 compensated by the Commonwealth as provided by law. Their  
11 compensation shall not be diminished during their terms of  
12 office, unless by law applying generally to all salaried  
13 officers of the Commonwealth. A justice, judge or justice of the  
14 peace may decline to accept an increase in compensation.

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16 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General  
17 Assembly of these proposed constitutional amendments, the  
18 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to  
19 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article  
20 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the  
21 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in  
22 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after  
23 passage of these proposed constitutional amendments.

24 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of these  
25 proposed constitutional amendments, the Secretary of the  
26 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the  
27 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the  
28 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required  
29 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such  
30 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of

1 these proposed constitutional amendments. The Secretary of the  
2 Commonwealth shall submit the proposed constitutional amendments  
3 under section 1 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth  
4 as a single ballot question at the first primary, general or  
5 municipal election which meets the requirements of and is in  
6 conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of  
7 Pennsylvania and which occurs at least three months after the  
8 proposed constitutional amendments are passed by the General  
9 Assembly.