
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 1652 Session of
2007

INTRODUCED BY JOSEPHS AND KING, JUNE 28, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JUNE 28, 2007

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, providing for a limitation on the length of
3 session.

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 the provisions of
8 Article XI:

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

10 § 4. Sessions.

11 (a) The General Assembly shall be a continuing body during
12 the term for which its Representatives are elected. It shall
13 meet at 12 o'clock noon on the first Tuesday of January each
14 year. Special sessions shall be called by the Governor on
15 petition of a majority of the members elected to each House or
16 may be called by the Governor whenever in his opinion the public
17 interest requires.

1 (b) The General Assembly may not convene a voting session
2 from a time period beginning on the first Tuesday after the
3 first Monday in November through November 30 in any even-
4 numbered year, unless the General Assembly is meeting in special
5 session as provided in section 4(a), or upon a two-thirds vote
6 of each House.

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

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