

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE BILL

## No. 2746

Session of  
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SWANGER, THOMAS AND WATSON, AUGUST 21, 2008

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, AUGUST 21, 2008

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## A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for appropriation bills.

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 11 of Article III be amended to read:

8 § 11. Appropriation bills.

9 (a) The general appropriation bill shall embrace nothing but  
10 appropriations for the executive, legislative and judicial  
11 departments of the Commonwealth, for the public debt and for  
12 public schools.

13 (b) The general appropriation bill for the ensuing fiscal  
14 year shall be passed by the House of Representatives by June 1,  
15 shall be passed by the Senate by June 15 and shall be presented

1 to the Governor for approval by June 30. If necessary, by June  
2 20, a special conference committee consisting of six Senators  
3 and six Representatives shall be established in accordance with  
4 the rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives to  
5 deliberate on the general appropriation bill. If either chamber  
6 fails to meet a time requirement set by this subsection, no  
7 member of that chamber shall receive compensation until  
8 appropriate action is taken to accomplish the result required by  
9 this subsection.

10 (c) All other appropriations shall be made by separate  
11 bills, each embracing but one subject.

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

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

1 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article  
2 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least  
3 three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is  
4 passed by the General Assembly.