

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY ROAE AND VEREB, DECEMBER 4, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, DECEMBER 4, 2009

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for the qualifications of
3 Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General.

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 Article XI:

8 That section 5 of Article IV be amended to read:

9 § 5. Qualifications of Governor, Lieutenant Governor and
10 Attorney General.

11 No person shall be eligible to the office of Governor,
12 Lieutenant Governor or Attorney General except a citizen of the
13 United States, who shall have attained the age of 30 years, and
14 have been seven years next preceding his election an inhabitant
15 of this Commonwealth, unless he shall have been absent on the
16 public business of the United States or of this Commonwealth. No
17 person shall be eligible to the office of Attorney General
18 except a member of the bar of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.
19 No person holding the office of Auditor General shall be

1 eligible for the office of Governor until two years after he
2 leaves office.

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

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