

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 9, 2011

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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 3 of Article II be amended to read:

8 § 3. Terms of members.

9 [Senators shall be elected for the term of four years and
10 Representatives for the term of two years.] Senators and
11 Representatives shall be elected for the term of four years. No
12 member of the General Assembly may serve more than a total of 12
13 years in the Senate and a total of 12 years in the House of
14 Representatives. Members may serve again in either chamber after
15 reaching the limit for service prescribed in this section and
16 sitting out one full term or four years.

17 Section 2. The provisions of this resolution apply only to

1 terms served by members of the General Assembly after the first
2 election cycle following the ratification of this constitutional
3 amendment and thereafter.

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

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