
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 695 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY TEPLITZ, FOLMER, VULAKOVICH, VOGEL, WASHINGTON,
KASUNIC AND BOSCOLA, MARCH 15, 2013

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 15, 2013

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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 4 of Article II be amended to read:

8 § 4. Sessions.

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

17 (b) Unless meeting in special session, the General Assembly

1 may not convene a voting session from the first Tuesday after
2 the first Monday in November through the end of the session in
3 any even-numbered year.

4 Section 2. (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.