
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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GROVE AND ZIMMERMAN, JANUARY 10, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 10, 2020

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, in restrictions on legislative power
3 relating to legislation, providing for interstate compacts.

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 Article III be amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 33. Interstate compacts.

10 The General Assembly shall not enact a law that authorizes
11 the Commonwealth to be a party to, or to participate in, an
12 interstate compact which has a term of more than 10 years or
13 which provides for an automatic renewal or extension of the
14 interstate compact, but the General Assembly may periodically
15 reauthorize the law for additional periods not to exceed 10
16 years and may renew or extend the term of an interstate compact
17 by a law enacted or joint resolution adopted no later than four
18 months nor more than 10 months prior to the general election

1 occurring before the expiration of the term of the interstate
2 compact.

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.