THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 133

Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY ARGALL, PHILLIPS-HILL, FOLMER, MARTIN, SCHWANK, GORDNER, WHITE, YUDICHAK, BROWNE, BLAKE, DiSANTO, STEFANO AND BAKER, JANUARY 31, 2019

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 31, 2019

A JOINT RESOLUTION

- Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for Lieutenant Governor.
- 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 IV be amended to read:
- 8 § 4. Lieutenant Governor.
- 9 [A Lieutenant Governor shall be chosen jointly with the
- 10 Governor by the casting by each voter of a single vote
- 11 applicable to both offices, for the same term, and subject to
- 12 the same provisions as the Governor; he] Each candidate for
- 13 Governor, having won the nomination of the candidate's party,
- 14 shall select the candidate for Lieutenant Governor no later than
- 15 90 days before the general gubernatorial election, subject to
- 16 the approval of the candidate's political party. A person may
- 17 not seek election to both offices simultaneously. The Lieutenant

- 1 <u>Governor</u> shall be President of the Senate. As such, [he] <u>the</u>
- 2 <u>Lieutenant Governor</u> may vote in case of a tie on any question
- 3 except the final passage of a bill or joint resolution, the
- 4 adoption of a conference report or the concurrence in amendments
- 5 made by the House of Representatives.
- 6 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
- 7 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the
- 8 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to
- 9 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
- 10 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
- 11 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
- 12 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
- 13 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.
- 14 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this
- 15 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the
- 16 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the
- 17 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
- 18 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required
- 19 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such
- 20 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of
- 21 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the
- 22 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment
- 23 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first
- 24 primary, general or municipal election which meets the
- 25 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article
- 26 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least
- 27 three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is
- 28 passed by the General Assembly.