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AND CONKLIN, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, providing for personal reproductive liberty.

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 Article I be amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 30. Personal reproductive liberty.

9 Every individual has the fundamental right to exercise
10 personal reproductive liberty and make and effectuate decisions
11 regarding the individual's own reproduction, including the
12 ability to choose or refuse to prevent, continue or end the
13 individual's pregnancy, the right to choose or refuse
14 contraceptives and the right to choose or refuse fertility care,
15 all without discrimination on the basis of race, age,
16 disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion

1 or relationship status. The Commonwealth may not deny, burden,
2 infringe upon or abridge this right unless justified by a
3 compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive
4 means.

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

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