
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY KINSEY, WEBSTER, SCHLOSSBERG, DELLOSO, BURGOS,
HOHENSTEIN, KIRKLAND, HILL-EVANS, CIRESI, MADDEN AND KIM,
OCTOBER 26, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 26, 2022

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, providing for prohibition of slavery and
3 involuntary servitude.

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 I be amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 30. Prohibition of slavery and involuntary servitude.

10 No person shall be held in slavery or involuntary servitude
11 in this Commonwealth, including as a penalty or punishment for a
12 crime.

13 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
14 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the
15 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to
16 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
17 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the

1 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
2 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
3 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

4 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this
5 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the
6 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the
7 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
8 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required
9 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such
10 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of
11 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the
12 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment
13 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first
14 general election which meets the requirements of and is in
15 conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of
16 Pennsylvania and which occurs at least three months after the
17 proposed constitutional amendment is passed by the General
18 Assembly.