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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY KAUFFMAN, JAMES, HAMM, STAMBAUGH, KEEFER, GROVE,  
ROWE AND B. MILLER, MARCH 14, 2023

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for compensation and  
3 retirement of justices, judges and justices of the peace.

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 section 16(a) of Article V be amended to read:

9 § 16. Compensation and retirement of justices, judges and  
10 justices of the peace.

11 (a) Justices, judges and justices of the peace shall be  
12 compensated by the Commonwealth as provided by law. [Their  
13 compensation shall not be diminished during their terms of  
14 office, unless by law applying generally to all salaried  
15 officers of the Commonwealth.]

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17 Section 2. The following procedure applies to the proposed  
18 constitutional amendment in this joint resolution:

1           (1) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of  
2     the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
3     proceed immediately to comply with the advertising  
4     requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution  
5     of Pennsylvania.

6           (2) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of  
7     the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
8     proceed immediately to comply with the advertising  
9     requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution  
10    of Pennsylvania. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
11    submit the amendment to the qualified electors of this  
12    Commonwealth at the first primary, general or municipal  
13    election which meets the requirements of section 1 of Article  
14    XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.