

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, in the judiciary, further providing for
3 judicial administration.

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 10(c) of Article V be amended to read:

9 § 10. Judicial administration.

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11 (c) [The] Except as provided by law, the Supreme Court shall
12 have the power to prescribe general rules governing practice,
13 procedure and the conduct of all courts, justices of the peace
14 and all officers serving process or enforcing orders, judgments
15 or decrees of any court or justice of the peace, including the
16 power to provide for assignment and reassignment of classes of
17 actions or classes of appeals among the several courts as the

1 needs of justice shall require, and for admission to the bar and
2 to practice law, and the administration of all courts and
3 supervision of all officers of the Judicial Branch, if such
4 rules are consistent with this Constitution and neither abridge,
5 enlarge nor modify the substantive rights of any litigant, nor
6 affect the right of the General Assembly to determine the
7 jurisdiction of any court or justice of the peace, nor suspend
8 nor alter any statute of limitation or repose. [All laws shall
9 be suspended to the extent that they are inconsistent with rules
10 prescribed under these provisions. Notwithstanding the
11 provisions of this section, the] The General Assembly may by
12 statute provide for the manner of testimony of child victims or
13 child material witnesses in criminal proceedings, including the
14 use of videotaped depositions or testimony by closed-circuit
15 television.

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17 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
18 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the
19 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to
20 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
21 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
22 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
23 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
24 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

25 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this
26 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the
27 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the
28 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
29 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required
30 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such

1 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of
2 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the
3 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment
4 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first
5 primary, general or municipal election which meets the
6 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article
7 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least
8 three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is
9 passed by the General Assembly.