
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to article four of the Constitution of
2 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for the election
3 of the Attorney General.

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 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with
8 the provisions of the eleventh article thereof:

9 That section five and subsection (a) of section eight of
10 article four of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of
11 Pennsylvania be amended and a new section be added to the said
12 article to read:

13 Section 5. Qualifications of Governor [and], Lieutenant
14 Governor and Attorney General.--No person shall be eligible to
15 the office of Governor, [or] Lieutenant Governor or Attorney
16 General except a citizen of the United States, who shall have
17 attained the age of thirty years, and have been seven years next
18 preceding his election an inhabitant of this Commonwealth,

1 unless he shall have been absent on the public business of the
2 United States or of this Commonwealth.

3 Section 8. Appointing Power.--(a) The Governor shall appoint
4 [an Attorney General, a Superintendent of Public Instruction] a
5 Secretary of Education and such other officers as he shall be
6 authorized by law to appoint. The appointment of the [Attorney
7 General, the Superintendent of Public Instruction] Secretary of
8 Education and of such other officers as may be specified by law,
9 shall be subject to the consent of two-thirds of the members
10 elected to the Senate.

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12 Section 8.1. Attorney General.--An Attorney General shall be
13 chosen on the day the general election is held for the Governor
14 by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth at the places
15 where they shall vote for Representatives. The Attorney General
16 shall hold his office during four years from the third Tuesday
17 of January next ensuing his election.