

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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GALLAGHER AND MILLER, FEBRUARY 27, 1985

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 27, 1985

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Ratifying the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the
2 United States regarding representation of the District of
3 Columbia in Congress.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby resolves as follows:

6 Section 1. Article V of the United States Constitution
7 provides for ratification of the United States Constitutional
8 amendments by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
9 states. Congress approved House Joint Resolution 554 on August
10 22, 1978, proposing to amend the Constitution to provide for
11 representation of the District of Columbia in the Congress and
12 submitted said resolution to the states for their ratification.

13 Section 2. The following proposed amendment to the
14 Constitution of the United States is hereby ratified by the
15 General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

1 "Article ____

2 "Section 1. For purposes of representation in the Congress,
3 election of the President and Vice President, and Article V of
4 this Constitution, the District constituting the seat of
5 government of the United States shall be treated as though it
6 were a State.

7 "Section 2. The exercise of the rights and powers conferred
8 under this article shall be by the people of the District
9 constituting the seat of government, and as shall be provided by
10 the Congress.

11 "Section 3. The twenty-third article of amendment to the
12 Constitution of the United States is hereby repealed.

13 "Section 4. This article shall be inoperative, unless it
14 shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by
15 the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within
16 seven years from the date of its submission."

17 Section 3. A certified copy of this resolution shall be
18 forwarded to the Administrator of General Services, in
19 accordance with 1 U.S.C. § 106b, to the President of the United
20 States Senate and to the Speaker of the United States House of
21 Representatives.