

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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DIETTERICK, RAYMOND, BUNT AND CORNELL, FEBRUARY 15, 1989

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 15, 1989

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for vacancies in office
3 involving members of the General Assembly.

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 2 of Article II be amended to read:

9 § 2. Election of members; vacancies.

10 Members of the General Assembly shall be chosen at the
11 general election every second year. Their term of service shall
12 begin on the first day of December next after their election.
13 Whenever a vacancy shall occur in either House, the presiding
14 officer thereof shall, within 14 days of the initial occurrence
15 of the vacancy, issue a writ of election to fill such vacancy
16 for the remainder of the term. In the case of a vacancy
17 occurring during the last five months of the term of office of

- 1 the member, issuance of a writ of election shall be at the total
- 2 discretion of the presiding officer.