

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE BILL

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## A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for the consideration of,  
3 differences in, signing of, origination of and approval of  
4 bills.

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

7 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of  
8 Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

9 That sections 4, 5, 8 and 10 of Article III and section 15 of  
10 Article IV be amended to read:

11 § 4. Consideration of bills.

12 [Every] (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b),  
13 every bill shall be considered on three different days in each  
14 House. All amendments made thereto shall be printed for the use  
15 of the members before the final vote is taken on the bill and  
16 before the final vote is taken, upon written request addressed  
17 to the presiding officer of either House by at least 25% of the

1 members elected to that House, any bill shall be read at length  
2 in that House. No bill shall become a law, unless on its final  
3 passage the vote is taken by yeas and nays, the names of the  
4 persons voting for and against it are entered on the journal,  
5 and, except as provided in subsection (b), a majority of the  
6 members elected to each House is recorded thereon as voting in  
7 its favor.

8 (b) If two identical bills are introduced, one in each  
9 House, each bill shall be considered on three different days in  
10 the House in which it was introduced. All amendments made  
11 thereto shall be printed for the use of the members before the  
12 final vote is taken on the bill and before the final vote is  
13 taken, upon written request addressed to the presiding officer  
14 of either House by at least 25% of the members elected to that  
15 House, any bill shall be read at length in that House. Each  
16 identical bill shall become a law if on its final passage the  
17 vote is taken by yeas and nays, the names of the persons voting  
18 for and against it are entered on the journal and a majority of  
19 the members elected to the House in which the bill was  
20 introduced is recorded thereon as voting in its favor.

21 § 5. Concurring in amendments; conference committee reports.

22 (a) No amendment to bills by one House shall be concurred in  
23 by the other, except by the vote of a majority of the members  
24 elected thereto, taken by yeas and nays, and the names of those  
25 voting for and against recorded upon the journal thereof; and  
26 reports of committees of conference shall be adopted in either  
27 House only by the vote of a majority of the members elected  
28 thereto, taken by yeas and nays, and the names of those voting  
29 recorded upon the journals.

30 (b) If two bills are introduced, one in each House, and are

1 finally passed by their respective House of origin in  
2 substantially the same form, a committee of conference shall be  
3 appointed to resolve the differences between the two bills.  
4 Reports of committees of conference shall be adopted in either  
5 House only by the vote of a majority of the members elected  
6 thereto, taken by yeas and nays, and the names of those voting  
7 recorded upon the journals.

8 § 8. Signing of bills.

9 (a) The presiding officer of each House shall, in the  
10 presence of the House over which he presides, sign all bills and  
11 joint resolutions passed by the General Assembly, after their  
12 titles have been publicly read immediately before signing; and  
13 the fact of signing shall be entered on the journal.

14 (b) In the case of identical bills provided for in section  
15 4(b) of this article, the presiding officer of each House shall,  
16 in the presence of the House over which he presides, sign the  
17 bill passed by the House over which he presides, after its title  
18 has been publicly read immediately before signing; and the fact  
19 of signing shall be entered on the journal.

20 § 10. Revenue bills.

21 [All] (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), all bills  
22 for raising revenue shall originate in the House of  
23 Representatives, but the Senate may propose amendments as in  
24 other bills.

25 (b) Identical bills, provided for in section 4(b) of this  
26 article, for raising revenue may originate in the House of  
27 Representatives or the Senate.

28 § 15. Approval of bills; vetoes.

29 (a) Every bill which shall have passed both Houses shall be  
30 presented to the Governor; if he approves he shall sign it, but

1 if he shall not approve he shall return it with his objections  
2 to the House in which it shall have originated, which House  
3 shall enter the objections at large upon their journal, and  
4 proceed to re-consider it. If after such re-consideration, two-  
5 thirds of all the members elected to that House shall agree to  
6 pass the bill, it shall be sent with the objections to the other  
7 House by which likewise it shall be re-considered, and if  
8 approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to that House  
9 it shall be a law; but in such cases the votes of both Houses  
10 shall be determined by yeas and nays, and the names of the  
11 members voting for and against the bill shall be entered on the  
12 journals of each House, respectively. If any bill shall not be  
13 returned by the Governor within ten days after it shall have  
14 been presented to him, the same shall be a law in like manner as  
15 if he had signed it, unless the General Assembly, by their  
16 adjournment, prevent its return, in which case it shall be a  
17 law, unless he shall file the same, with his objections, in the  
18 office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and give notice  
19 thereof by public proclamation within 30 days after such  
20 adjournment.

21 (b) If identical bills, provided for in section 4(b) of  
22 Article III, have both passed the House in which each was  
23 introduced, both bills shall be presented to the Governor; if he  
24 approves the bills he shall sign them and the bills shall become  
25 a law. In printed form and in the Laws of Pennsylvania, the law  
26 shall bear both the Senate bill number and the House bill  
27 number. If the Governor does not approve the bills, he shall  
28 return them, with his objections, to their respective House of  
29 origin. Each House shall enter the objections at large upon its  
30 journal and proceed to re-consider it. If after such re-

1 consideration, two-thirds of all the members elected to that  
2 House shall agree to pass the bill, the bills shall be a law;  
3 but in such cases the votes of each House shall be determined by  
4 yeas and nays, and the names of the members voting for and  
5 against the bill shall be entered on the journals of each House,  
6 respectively. If identical bills shall not be returned by the  
7 Governor within ten days after they shall have been presented to  
8 him, the same shall be a law in like manner as if he had signed  
9 them, unless the General Assembly, by their adjournment, prevent  
10 their return, in which case the bills shall be a law, unless he  
11 shall file the bills, with his objections, in the office of the  
12 Secretary of the Commonwealth, and give notice thereof by public  
13 proclamation within 30 days after such adjournment.