

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, MARCH 6, 2000

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, providing for a real property tax exemption
3 for veterans of World War II and their unmarried surviving
4 spouses.

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 section 2 of Article VIII be amended by adding a
10 subsection to read:

11 § 2. Exemptions and special provisions.

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13 (d) Citizens and residents of this Commonwealth, who served
14 in the armed forces of the United States in any war or armed
15 conflict in which the United States was engaged during the
16 period December 7, 1941, to August 14, 1945, and were honorably
17 discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active

1 service, shall be exempt from the payment of all real property
2 taxes upon the residence occupied by the said citizens and
3 residents of this Commonwealth imposed by the Commonwealth of
4 Pennsylvania or any of its political subdivisions. This
5 exemption shall be extended to the unmarried surviving spouse
6 upon the death of an eligible veteran.

7 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
8 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the
9 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to
10 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
11 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
12 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
13 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
14 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

15 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this
16 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the
17 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the
18 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
19 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required
20 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such
21 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of
22 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the
23 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment
24 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first
25 primary, general or municipal election occurring at least three
26 months after the proposed constitutional amendment is passed by
27 the General Assembly which meets the requirements of and is in
28 conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of
29 Pennsylvania.