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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, NOVEMBER 4, 2002

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, authorizing the imposition of a graduated
3 income tax.

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 1 of Article VIII be amended to read:

9 § 1. Uniformity of taxation.

10 [All] (a) Except for income taxes under subsection (b), all
11 taxes shall be uniform, upon the same class of subjects, within
12 the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax, and
13 shall be levied and collected under general laws.

14 (b) The General Assembly may by law provide for the taxation
15 of income based on an increasing rate for a higher level of
16 income.

17 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General

1 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the
2 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to
3 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
4 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
5 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
6 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
7 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

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