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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL  
No. 1652 Session of  
2007

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INTRODUCED BY JOSEPHS AND KING, JUNE 28, 2007

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JUNE 28, 2007

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, providing for a limitation on the length of  
3 session.

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 the provisions of  
8 Article XI:

9 That section 4 of Article II be amended to read:

10 § 4. Sessions.

11 (a) The General Assembly shall be a continuing body during  
12 the term for which its Representatives are elected. It shall  
13 meet at 12 o'clock noon on the first Tuesday of January each  
14 year. Special sessions shall be called by the Governor on  
15 petition of a majority of the members elected to each House or  
16 may be called by the Governor whenever in his opinion the public  
17 interest requires.

1     (b) The General Assembly may not convene a voting session  
2     from a time period beginning on the first Tuesday after the  
3     first Monday in November through November 30 in any even-  
4     numbered year, unless the General Assembly is meeting in special  
5     session as provided in section 4(a), or upon a two-thirds vote  
6     of each House.

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 which meets the  
26    requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article  
27    XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least  
28    three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is  
29    passed by the General Assembly.