

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 28, 2008

## A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, authorizing limitations on attorney fees in  
3 actions involving death or injury.

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 Article III be amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 33. Limitations on attorney fees in actions involving death  
10 or injury.

11 Notwithstanding section 10(c) of Article V, the General  
12 Assembly shall have the power to determine limitations on  
13 attorney fees in civil actions involving death or injury to  
14 persons or injury to property.

15 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General  
16 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the

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

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