

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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YOUNGBLOOD, JULY 1, 2008

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JULY 1, 2008

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for absentee voting.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby resolves as follows:

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

7 That section 14(a) of Article VII be amended to read:

8 § 14. Absentee voting.

9 (a) The Legislature shall, by general law, provide a manner
10 in which, and the time and place at which, qualified electors
11 may vote by mail, including, but not limited to, any military
12 elector, as defined by law, and qualified electors who may, on
13 the occurrence of any election, be absent from the municipality
14 of their residence, because their duties, occupation or business
15 require them to be elsewhere or who, on the occurrence of any
16 election, are unable to attend at their proper polling places

1 because of illness or physical disability or who will not attend
2 a polling place because of the observance of a religious holiday
3 or who cannot vote because of election day duties, in the case
4 of a county employee, may vote, and for the return and canvass
5 of their votes in the election district in which they
6 respectively reside.

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

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