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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 468 Session of  
2007

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INTRODUCED BY REGOLA, ORIE, WAUGH, FOLMER, EARLL, D. WHITE,  
PIPPY, PUNT, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, BRUBAKER AND RHOADES,  
MARCH 15, 2007

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 15, 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.

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

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