
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1542 Session of
2008

INTRODUCED BY PICCOLA, RAFFERTY, BROWNE, EICHELBERGER, EARLL AND
BRUBAKER, AUGUST 20, 2008

REFERRED TO APPROPRIATIONS, AUGUST 20, 2008

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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 11 of Article III be amended to read:

8 § 11. Appropriation bills.

9 (a) The general appropriation bill shall embrace nothing but
10 appropriations for the executive, legislative and judicial
11 departments of the Commonwealth, for the public debt and for
12 public schools.

13 (b) The general appropriation bill for the ensuing fiscal
14 year shall be passed by the House of Representatives by June 1,
15 shall be passed by the Senate by June 15 and shall be presented
16 to the Governor for approval by June 30. If necessary, by June
17 20, a special conference committee consisting of six Senators

1 and six Representatives shall be established in accordance with
2 the rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives to
3 deliberate on the general appropriation bill. If either chamber
4 fails to meet a time requirement set by this subsection, no
5 member of that chamber shall receive compensation until
6 appropriate action is taken to accomplish the result required by
7 this subsection.

8 (c) All other appropriations shall be made by separate
9 bills, each embracing but one subject.

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

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

- 1 three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is
- 2 passed by the General Assembly.