

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1777 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY COHEN, BARRAR, BENNINGHOFF, BROWN, CALTAGIRONE,  
D. COSTA, DeLUCA, DeWEESE, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, GIBBONS,  
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MAHONEY, MELIO, MOUL, MURPHY, PASHINSKI, PHILLIPS, READSHAW,  
SABATINA, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, SWANGER, VULAKOVICH  
AND YOUNGBLOOD, AUGUST 11, 2010

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, AUGUST 11, 2010

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, providing for terms of members of the  
3 General Assembly.

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 section 3 of Article II be amended to read:

9 § 3. Terms of members.

10 [Senators shall be elected for the term of four years and  
11 Representatives for the term of two years.] At the 2012  
12 elections, the Senators elected shall be elected to serve a term  
13 of six years. Beginning with the 2018 elections and thereafter,  
14 all Senators shall be elected and shall be elected to serve a  
15 term of four years. At the 2014 elections and thereafter,  
16 Representatives shall be elected to serve a term of four years

1 in all representative districts.

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

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