

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 106 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY WARD, ALLOWAY, PILEGGI, FOLMER, VOGEL, BRUBAKER, ERICKSON, SMUCKER, BROWNE, PICCOLA, EICHELBERGER, ORIE, BAKER, VANCE, TOMLINSON, RAFFERTY, ROBBINS AND PIPPY, JANUARY 29, 2009

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 29, 2009

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) Unless meeting in special session, the General Assembly
2 may not convene a voting session from a time period beginning on
3 the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November through
4 November 30 in any even-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.