
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1152 Session of
2009

INTRODUCED BY BAKER, ALLOWAY, ARGALL, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, EARLL,
ERICKSON, GREENLEAF, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, SMUCKER, WARD AND
D. WHITE, DECEMBER 17, 2009

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, DECEMBER 17, 2009

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

8 That Article VIII be amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 18. Appropriation bill.

10 If a General Fund budget is not enacted by the Constitutional
11 deadline of June 30 of any year, the Commonwealth shall maintain
12 State appropriations at 80% of the prior year levels.

13 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
14 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the
15 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to
16 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
17 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the

1 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
2 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
3 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

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