
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO FINANCE, MAY 22, 2012

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, providing for criteria for institutions of
3 purely public charity.

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 Article III be amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 18.1. Criteria for institutions of purely public charity.

10 If the General Assembly exercises its authority under section
11 2(a)(v) of Article VIII of this Constitution by legislation, no
12 criteria other than those specified in the legislation may be
13 used to determine the qualifications of an institution of purely
14 public charity.

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

1 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
2 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
3 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
4 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

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