
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY HARPER, CALTAGIRONE, BARBIN, BOBACK, CARROLL,
COHEN, DIAMOND, FREEMAN, GILLEN, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GRELL,
GROVE, KRIEGER, LONGIETTI, MURT, PETRI, SCHLOSSBERG AND
WATSON, JANUARY 21, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 21, 2015

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for compensation and
3 retirement of justices, judges and justices of the peace.

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 16(b) of Article V be amended to read:

9 § 16. Compensation and retirement of justices, judges and
10 justices of the peace.

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12 (b) Justices, judges and justices of the peace shall be
13 retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they
14 attain the age of [70] 75 years. Former and retired justices,
15 judges and justices of the peace shall receive such compensation
16 as shall be provided by law. Except as provided by law, no
17 salary, retirement benefit or other compensation, present or

1 deferred, shall be paid to any justice, judge or justice of the
2 peace who, under section 18 or under Article VI, is suspended,
3 removed or barred from holding judicial office for conviction of
4 a felony or misconduct in office or conduct which prejudices the
5 proper administration of justice or brings the judicial office
6 into disrepute.

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

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