
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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MARCH 24, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, MARCH 24, 2015

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for exemptions and special
3 provisions.

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 2(b) of Article VIII be amended by adding a
9 clause to read:

10 § 2. Exemptions and special provisions.

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12 (b) The General Assembly may, by law:

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14 (vii) Make special tax provisions that prohibit a school
15 district from imposing a tax on real property that is classified
16 as residential property.

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

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