
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SCHLOSSBERG, SCHREIBER, SCHWEYER AND THOMAS, JULY 16, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JULY 16, 2015

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for absentee voting.

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

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

7 That section 14(a) of Article VII be amended to read:

8 § 14. Absentee voting.

9 (a) The Legislature shall, by general law, provide a manner
10 in which, and the time and place at which, qualified electors
11 may vote by mail, including, but not limited to, any military
12 elector, as defined by law, and qualified electors who may, on
13 the occurrence of any election, be absent from the municipality
14 of their residence, because their duties, occupation or business
15 require them to be elsewhere or who, on the occurrence of any
16 election, are unable to attend at their proper polling places
17 because of illness or physical disability or who will not attend

1 a polling place because of the observance of a religious holiday
2 or who cannot vote because of election day duties, in the case
3 of a county employee, may vote, and for the return and canvass
4 of their votes in the election district in which they
5 respectively reside.

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

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