
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 186 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY TEPLITZ, SCHWANK, BOSCOLA, FOLMER, TARTAGLIONE AND
VULAKOVICH, FEBRUARY 11, 2015

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 11, 2015

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, in the Legislature, further providing for
3 sessions.

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 4 of Article II be amended to read:

9 § 4. Sessions.

10 [The] (a) Except as provided under subsection (b), the
11 General Assembly shall be a continuing body during the term for
12 which its Representatives are elected. It shall meet at 12
13 o'clock noon on the first Tuesday of January each year. Special
14 sessions shall be called by the Governor on petition of a
15 majority of the members elected to each House or may be called
16 by the Governor whenever in his opinion the public interest
17 requires.

18 (b) Unless meeting in special session, the General Assembly

1 may not convene a voting session from:

2 (1) the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November
3 through the end of the session in any even-numbered year; and

4 (2) the first Tuesday in January of any odd-numbered year in
5 which the term of the Governor commences through the third
6 Tuesday of January in that year, except for a voting session
7 that only organizes each House and does not consider any bill.

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.