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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 1239 Session of  
2015

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INTRODUCED BY TEPLITZ AND BREWSTER, JUNE 14, 2016

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 14, 2016

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, providing for recall of elected public  
3 officers if a general appropriation bill is not signed into  
4 law by December 31 after the beginning of a fiscal year.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby resolves as follows:

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

9 (1) That Article II be amended by adding a section to  
10 read:

11 \$ 18. Recall of elected public officers.

12 The Governor, Lieutenant Governor and each member of the  
13 General Assembly shall be subject to recall by the voters of  
14 this Commonwealth or the legislative district from which the  
15 member was elected if a general appropriation bill comprised of  
16 at least 90% of the previous year's appropriations is not signed  
17 into law by 11:59 p.m. on December 31 after the beginning of a  
18 fiscal year. The General Assembly shall prescribe the procedures  
19 for a recall under this section.

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.