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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, prohibiting the taxation of real property.

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 Article VIII be amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 18. Real property.

9 Beginning July 1, 2018, all taxation, assessment and  
10 valuation of real property by the Commonwealth, or by any  
11 authority, district, jurisdiction or political subdivision  
12 within this Commonwealth, shall be prohibited.

13 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General  
14 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the  
15 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to  
16 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article  
17 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the

1 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in  
2 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after  
3 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

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