
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 904 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY THOMAS, GROVE, IRVIN, PICKETT AND ZIMMERMAN,
MARCH 20, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, MARCH 20, 2019

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, providing for general appropriation bill.

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 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with
7 Article XI:

8 That Article VIII be amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 18. General appropriation bill.

10 If the general appropriation bill is not enacted by the
11 constitutional deadline of June 30 in any year, the Commonwealth
12 shall maintain State appropriations at 80% of the amounts
13 specified in the general appropriation act for the most recent
14 fiscal year.

15 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
16 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the
17 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to

1 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
2 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
3 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
4 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
5 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

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