
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 885 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY PHILLIPS-HILL, ARGALL, GORDNER, J. WARD, MARTIN,
MASTRIANO, PITTMAN, STEFANO AND HUTCHINSON, OCTOBER 8, 2019

REFERRED TO APPROPRIATIONS, OCTOBER 8, 2019

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, in legislation, further providing for
3 appropriation bills.

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 11 of Article III be amended to read:

9 § 11. Appropriation bills.

10 The general appropriation bill shall embrace nothing but
11 appropriations for a single fiscal year for the executive,
12 legislative and judicial departments of the Commonwealth, for
13 the public debt and for public schools. All other
14 appropriations, including supplemental appropriations for a
15 prior fiscal year, shall be made by separate bills, each
16 embracing but one subject.

17 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
18 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the

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

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