
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1218 Session of
2020

INTRODUCED BY LEACH, JUNE 22, 2020

REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, JUNE 22, 2020

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, prohibiting hydraulic fracturing.

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 X be amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 5. Hydraulic fracturing prohibited.

9 No public or private corporation may use natural gas
10 hydraulic fracturing to remove natural gas from the lands of
11 this Commonwealth. The General Assembly may enact legislation
12 providing for civil and criminal liability for corporations and
13 their employees that violate this section.

14 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
15 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the
16 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to
17 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
18 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.