
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 412 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY STEFANO, FOLMER, SCHWANK, KILLION, ARGALL, STREET,
BARTOLOTTA, COSTA, K. WARD, YUDICHAK, BROWNE, KEARNEY AND
BREWSTER, MARCH 19, 2019

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 19, 2019

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, repealing provisions relating to
3 disqualifications for service as election officer.

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8 That section 12 of Article VII be repealed:

9 [§ 12. Disqualifications for service as election officer.

10 No persons shall be qualified to serve as an election officer
11 who shall hold, or shall within two months have held any office,
12 appointment or employment in or under the government of the
13 United States, or of this State, or of any city, or county, or
14 of any municipal board, commission or trust in any city, save
15 only notaries public and persons in the National Guard or in a
16 reserve component of the armed forces of the United States; nor
17 shall any election officer be eligible to any civil office to be

1 filled at an election at which he shall serve, save only to such
2 subordinate municipal or local offices, below the grade of city
3 or county offices, as shall be designated by general law.]

4 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
5 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the
6 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to
7 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
8 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
9 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
10 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
11 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

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