

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

No. 1717 Session of  
2021INTRODUCED BY DIAMOND, BOROWICZ, GREINER, KEEFER, RYAN AND  
SMITH, JUNE 28, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 28, 2021

## A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for method of elections  
3 and secrecy in voting.

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 4 of Article VII be amended to read:

9 § 4. Method of elections; secrecy in voting.

10 [All] Except as permitted by absentee ballot under section 14  
11 of this article, all elections by the citizens shall be by  
12 ballot [or by such other method as may be prescribed by law:]  
13 cast in person by electors at their polling place, including  
14 early in-person voting, as prescribed by law: Provided, That  
15 secrecy in voting be preserved.

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