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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, in the judiciary, further providing for  
3 compensation and retirement of justices, judges and justices  
4 of the peace.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby resolves as follows:

7 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of  
8 Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

9 That section 16(a) of Article V be amended to read:

10 § 16. Compensation and retirement of justices, judges and  
11 justices of the peace.

12 (a) Justices, judges and justices of the peace shall be  
13 compensated by the Commonwealth as provided by law. [Their  
14 compensation shall not be diminished during their terms of  
15 office, unless by law applying generally to all salaried  
16 officers of the Commonwealth.]

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18 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General

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

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