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DAVANZO AND HERSHEY, NOVEMBER 9, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, NOVEMBER 9, 2021

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania,
2 providing for executive orders.

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 IV be amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 21. Executive orders.

9 An executive order or proclamation by the Governor or an
10 executive agency with the force and effect of law may not be in
11 effect for more than 21 days, unless otherwise extended in whole
12 or in part by concurrent resolution of the General Assembly.

13 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
14 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.