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MARSHALL AND MUSTELLO, JANUARY 20, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JANUARY 20, 2022

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania,
2 providing that there is no right to abortion or funding for
3 an abortion.

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 Article I be amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 28.1. Abortion.

10 The policy of Pennsylvania is to protect the life of every
11 unborn child from conception to birth, to the extent permitted
12 by the Constitution of the United States. Nothing in this
13 Constitution grants or secures any right relating to abortion or
14 the public funding of abortion. Nothing in this Constitution

1 requires taxpayer funding of abortion.

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

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

25 (c) If the proposed constitutional amendment receives second
26 passage, the General Assembly has prepared the ballot question
27 to be placed on the ballot. It has done so because the language
28 of the amendment itself is short and clear, and any rewording or
29 commentary would only add confusion. Therefore, the General
30 Assembly directs the Secretary of the Commonwealth to place the

1 proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot in the following
2 form:

3 Should the Pennsylvania constitution be amended to say
4 the following?

5 "The policy of Pennsylvania is to protect the life of
6 every unborn child from conception to birth, to the
7 extent permitted by the Constitution of the United
8 States. Nothing in this Constitution grants or secures
9 any right relating to abortion or the public funding of
10 abortion. Nothing in this Constitution requires taxpayer
11 funding of abortion."