
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY KAUFFMAN, STAMBAUGH, RYAN, GROVE, DIAMOND, KAIL,
MOUL, ZIMMERMAN, GLEIM, KEEFER, HERSHEY AND COX, JUNE 7, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 7, 2022

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for judicial
3 administration.

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 10(c) of Article V be amended to read:

9 § 10. Judicial administration.

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11 (c) The Supreme Court shall have the power to prescribe
12 general rules governing practice, procedure and the conduct of
13 all courts, justices of the peace and all officers serving
14 process or enforcing orders, judgments or decrees of any court
15 or justice of the peace, including the power to provide for
16 assignment and reassignment of classes of actions or classes of
17 appeals among the several courts as the needs of justice shall
18 require, and for admission to the bar and to practice law, and

1 the administration of all courts and supervision of all officers
2 of the Judicial Branch, if such rules are consistent with this
3 Constitution and neither abridge, enlarge nor modify the
4 substantive rights of any litigant, nor affect the right of the
5 General Assembly to determine the jurisdiction of any court or
6 justice of the peace, nor suspend nor alter any statute of
7 limitation or repose. All laws shall be suspended to the extent
8 that they are inconsistent with rules prescribed under these
9 provisions. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the
10 General Assembly may by statute provide for the manner of
11 testimony of child victims or child material witnesses in
12 criminal proceedings, including the use of videotaped
13 depositions or testimony by closed-circuit television.
14 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the General
15 Assembly may, by statute, establish venue in civil cases in the
16 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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18 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
19 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the
20 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to
21 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
22 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
23 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
24 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
25 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

26 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this
27 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the
28 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the
29 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
30 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required

1 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such
2 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of
3 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the
4 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment
5 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first
6 primary, general or municipal election which meets the
7 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article
8 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least
9 three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is
10 passed by the General Assembly.