
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 946 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY AUMENT, CORMAN, K. WARD, GORDNER, REGAN, STEFANO,
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LANGERHOLC, MARTIN, PITTMAN, GEBHARD, DiSANTO, TOMLINSON,
VOGEL, BAKER AND ROBINSON, NOVEMBER 19, 2021

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, NOVEMBER 19, 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 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania be
8 amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 21. Executive orders.

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

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