

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1127 Session of 2022

INTRODUCED BY YAW, ARGALL, J. WARD, STEFANO AND MASTRIANO, MARCH 17, 2022

SENATOR ARGALL, STATE GOVERNMENT, AS AMENDED, MAY 25, 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(d) of Article V be amended to read:

9 § 10. Judicial administration.

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11 (d) The Chief Justice [and], AS WELL AS president judges of <--
12 all courts with [seven] two or less judges, shall be the justice <--
13 or judge longest in continuous service on their respective
14 courts; and in the event of [his] A resignation from this <--
15 position the justice or judge next longest in continuous service
16 shall be the Chief Justice or president judge. The president
17 judges of all other courts shall be selected for five-year terms
18 by the members of their respective courts. A Chief Justice or

1 president judge may resign such position and remain a member of
2 the court. In the event of a tie vote for office of president
3 judge in a court which elects its president judge, the Supreme
4 Court shall appoint as president judge one of the judges
5 receiving the highest number of votes.

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

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