
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1182 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY ARGALL, SCAVELLO, MENSCH, J. WARD AND YUDICHAK,
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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 8, 2022

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for the selection of the
3 chairman of the Legislative Reapportionment Commission.

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 17(b) of Article II be amended to read:

9 § 17. Legislative Reapportionment Commission.

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11 (b) The commission shall consist of five members: four of
12 whom shall be the majority and minority leaders of both the
13 Senate and the House of Representatives, or deputies appointed
14 by each of them, and a chairman selected as hereinafter
15 provided. No later than 60 days following the official reporting
16 of the Federal decennial census as required by Federal law, the
17 four members shall be certified by the President pro tempore of
18 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to

1 the elections officer of the Commonwealth who under law shall
2 have supervision over elections.

3 The four members within 45 days after their certification
4 shall select the fifth member, who shall serve as chairman of
5 the commission, and shall immediately certify his name to such
6 elections officer. The chairman shall be a citizen of the
7 Commonwealth other than a local, State or Federal official
8 holding an office to which compensation is attached.

9 If the four members fail to select the fifth member within
10 the time prescribed, a majority of the entire membership of the
11 Supreme Court within 30 days thereafter shall [appoint the
12 chairman as aforesaid and certify his appointment to such
13 elections officer.] select the chairman, at random, from the
14 current active senior judges of all appellate courts and certify
15 the appointment to the elections officer.

16 Any vacancy in the commission shall be filled within 15 days
17 in the same manner in which such position was originally filled.

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

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

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