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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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No. 430 Session of  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 15, 2023

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for sessions of the  
3 General Assembly.

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 4 of Article II be amended to read:

9 § 4. Sessions.

10 The General Assembly shall be a continuing body during the  
11 term for which its Representatives are elected. It shall meet at  
12 12 o'clock noon on the first [Tuesday of January] day of  
13 December each year. Special sessions shall be called by the  
14 Governor on petition of a majority of the members elected to  
15 each House or may be called by the Governor whenever in his  
16 opinion the public interest requires.

17 Section 2. The following procedure applies to the proposed  
18 constitutional amendment in this joint resolution:

1           (1) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of  
2 the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
3 proceed immediately to comply with the advertising  
4 requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution  
5 of Pennsylvania.

6           (2) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of  
7 the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
8 proceed immediately to comply with the advertising  
9 requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution  
10 of Pennsylvania. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
11 submit the amendment to the qualified electors of this  
12 Commonwealth at the first primary, general or municipal  
13 election which meets the requirements of section 1 of Article  
14 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.