

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 16, 2023

## A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for removal of civil  
3 officers.

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 7 of Article VI be amended to read:

9 § 7. Removal of civil officers.

10 All civil officers shall hold their offices on the condition  
11 that they behave themselves well while in office, and shall be  
12 removed on a guilty verdict, the entry of a guilty plea or a  
13 plea of nolo contendere or the acceptance of Accelerated  
14 Rehabilitative Disposition for a conviction of misbehavior in  
15 office [or of any infamous crime.] or for a criminal offense  
16 classified above a misdemeanor of the first degree. Appointed  
17 civil officers, other than judges of the courts of record, may

1 be removed at the pleasure of the power by which they shall have  
2 been appointed. All civil officers elected by the people, except  
3 the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, members of the General  
4 Assembly and judges of the courts of record, shall be removed by  
5 the Governor for reasonable cause, after due notice and full  
6 hearing, on the address of two-thirds of the Senate.

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

9 (1) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of  
10 the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
11 proceed immediately to comply with the advertising  
12 requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution  
13 of Pennsylvania.

14 (2) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of  
15 the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
16 proceed immediately to comply with the advertising  
17 requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution  
18 of Pennsylvania. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
19 submit the amendment to the qualified electors of this  
20 Commonwealth at the first primary, general or municipal  
21 election which meets the requirements of section 1 of Article  
22 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.