
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY OTTEN, HANBIDGE, SHUSTERMAN, SCHLOSSBERG AND RABB,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, DECEMBER 6, 2023

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, providing for personal reproductive liberty.

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 I be amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 30. Personal reproductive liberty.

9 Every individual has the fundamental right to exercise
10 personal reproductive liberty and make and effectuate decisions
11 regarding the individual's own reproduction, including the
12 ability to choose or refuse to prevent, continue or end the
13 individual's pregnancy, the right to choose or refuse
14 contraceptives and the right to choose or refuse fertility care,
15 all without discrimination on the basis of race, age,
16 disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion
17 or relationship status. The Commonwealth may not deny, burden,

1 infringe upon or abridge this right unless justified by a
2 compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive
3 means.

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

6 (1) Upon the first 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.

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