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GILLEN, APRIL 29, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 29, 2024

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for security from searches
3 and seizures.

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 8 of Article I be amended to read:

9 § 8. Security from searches and seizures.

10 The people shall be secure in their persons, houses, papers,
11 land and possessions from unreasonable searches and seizures,
12 and no warrant to search any place or to seize any person or
13 things shall issue without describing them as nearly as may be,
14 nor without probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation
15 subscribed to by the affiant.

16 Section 2. The following procedures apply to the proposed
17 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 general or municipal election which
13 meets the requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
14 Constitution of Pennsylvania.