

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATOR DUSH, STATE GOVERNMENT, AS AMENDED, JANUARY 9, 2023

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing ~~an amendment~~ SEPARATE AND DISTINCT AMENDMENTS to the <--
2 Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further
3 providing for ACTION ON CONCURRENT ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS AND <--
4 FOR qualifications of electors.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby resolves as follows:

7 Section 1. The following ~~amendment~~ SEPARATE AND DISTINCT <--
8 AMENDMENTS to the Constitution of Pennsylvania ~~is~~ ARE proposed <--
9 in accordance with Article XI:

10 ~~That section 1 of Article VII be amended to read:~~ <--

11 (1) THAT SECTION 9 OF ARTICLE III BE AMENDED TO READ: <--

12 § 9. ACTION ON CONCURRENT ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS.

13 EVERY ORDER, RESOLUTION OR VOTE, TO WHICH THE CONCURRENCE OF
14 BOTH HOUSES MAY BE NECESSARY, EXCEPT ON THE QUESTIONS OF
15 ADJOURNMENT, DISAPPROVAL OF A REGULATION OR TERMINATION OR
16 EXTENSION OF A DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION AS DECLARED BY AN
17 EXECUTIVE ORDER OR PROCLAMATION, OR PORTION OF A DISASTER

1 EMERGENCY DECLARATION AS DECLARED BY AN EXECUTIVE ORDER OR
2 PROCLAMATION, SHALL BE PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR AND BEFORE IT
3 SHALL TAKE EFFECT BE APPROVED BY HIM, OR BEING DISAPPROVED,
4 SHALL BE REPASSED BY TWO-THIRDS OF BOTH HOUSES ACCORDING TO THE
5 RULES AND LIMITATIONS PRESCRIBED IN CASE OF A BILL.

6 (2) THAT SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE VII BE AMENDED TO READ:

7 § 1. Qualifications of electors.

8 (a) Every citizen 21 years of age, possessing the following
9 qualifications, shall be entitled to vote at all elections
10 subject, however, to such laws requiring and regulating the
11 registration of electors as the General Assembly may enact.

12 1. He or she shall have been a citizen of the United States
13 at least one month.

14 2. He or she shall have resided in the State 90 days
15 immediately preceding the election.

16 3. He or she shall have resided in the election district
17 where he or she shall offer to vote at least 60 days immediately
18 preceding the election, except that if qualified to vote in an
19 election district prior to removal of residence, he or she may,
20 if a resident of Pennsylvania, vote in the election district
21 from which he or she removed his or her residence within 60 days
22 preceding the election.

23 (b) In addition to the qualifications under subsection (a)
24 of this section, a qualified elector shall provide a valid
25 identification at each election in accordance with the
26 following:

27 1. When voting in person, the qualified elector shall
28 present a valid identification before receiving a ballot to vote
29 in person.

30 2. When not voting in person, the qualified elector shall

1 provide proof of a valid identification with his or her ballot.

2 (c) If a qualified elector does not possess a valid
3 identification, he or she shall, upon request and confirmation
4 of identity, be furnished with a government-issued
5 identification at no cost to the qualified elector.

6 (d) For purposes of this section, the term "valid
7 identification" means an unexpired government-issued
8 identification, unless otherwise provided for by law.

9 ~~Section 2. The following procedure applies to the proposed~~ <--
10 ~~constitutional amendment in this joint resolution:~~

11 ~~(1) Upon the first 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.~~

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

25 SECTION 2. THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE APPLIES TO THE PROPOSED <--
26 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS IN THIS JOINT RESOLUTION:

27 (1) UPON FIRST PASSAGE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
28 AMENDMENTS, THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL PROCEED
29 IMMEDIATELY TO COMPLY WITH THE ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS OF
30 SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE XI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA.

1 (2) UPON THE SECOND PASSAGE OF THE AMENDMENTS BY THE
2 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 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. THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL:

6 (I) SUBMIT THE AMENDMENT UNDER SECTION 1(1) OF THIS
7 RESOLUTION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH
8 AS A SEPARATE BALLOT QUESTION AT THE FIRST PRIMARY
9 ELECTION WHICH MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 1 OF
10 ARTICLE XI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA.

11 (II) SUBMIT THE AMENDMENT UNDER SECTION 1(2) OF THIS
12 RESOLUTION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH
13 AS A SEPARATE BALLOT QUESTION AT THE FIRST PRIMARY
14 ELECTION WHICH MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 1 OF
15 ARTICLE XI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA.