

## A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for proposal of amendments  
3 by the General Assembly and their adoption.

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 1 of Article XI be amended to read:

9 § 1. Proposal of amendments by the General Assembly and their  
10 adoption.

11 Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed in the Senate  
12 or House of Representatives; and if the same shall be agreed to  
13 by [a majority] at least two-thirds of the members elected to  
14 each House, such proposed amendment or amendments shall be  
15 entered on their journals with the yeas and nays taken thereon,  
16 and the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall cause the same to be  
17 published three months before the next general election, in at

1 least two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers  
2 shall be published; and if, in the General Assembly next  
3 afterwards chosen, such proposed amendment or amendments shall  
4 be agreed to by [a majority] at least two-thirds of the members  
5 elected to each House, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
6 cause the same again to be published in the manner aforesaid;  
7 and such proposed amendment or amendments shall be submitted to  
8 the qualified electors of the State in such manner, and at such  
9 time at least three months after being so agreed to by the two  
10 Houses, as the General Assembly shall prescribe; and, if such  
11 amendment or amendments shall be approved by a majority of those  
12 voting thereon, such amendment or amendments shall become a part  
13 of the Constitution; but no amendment or amendments shall be  
14 submitted oftener than once in five years. When two or more  
15 amendments shall be submitted they shall be voted upon  
16 separately.

17 (a) In the event a major emergency threatens or is about to  
18 threaten the Commonwealth and if the safety or welfare of the  
19 Commonwealth requires prompt amendment of this Constitution,  
20 such amendments to this Constitution may be proposed in the  
21 Senate or House of Representatives at any regular or special  
22 session of the General Assembly, and if agreed to by at least  
23 two-thirds of the members elected to each House, a proposed  
24 amendment shall be entered on the journal of each House with the  
25 yeas and nays taken thereon and the official in charge of  
26 statewide elections shall promptly publish such proposed  
27 amendment in at least two newspapers in every county in which  
28 such newspapers are published. Such amendment shall then be  
29 submitted to the qualified electors of the Commonwealth in such  
30 manner, and at such time, at least one month after being agreed

1 to by both Houses as the General Assembly prescribes.

2 (b) If an emergency amendment is approved by a majority of  
3 the qualified electors voting thereon, it shall become part of  
4 this Constitution. When two or more emergency amendments are  
5 submitted they shall be voted on separately.

6 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General  
7 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the  
8 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to  
9 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article  
10 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the  
11 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in  
12 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after  
13 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

14 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this  
15 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the  
16 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the  
17 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the  
18 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required  
19 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such  
20 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of  
21 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the  
22 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment  
23 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first  
24 general election which meets the requirements of and is in  
25 conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of  
26 Pennsylvania and which occurs at least three months after the  
27 proposed constitutional amendment is passed by the General  
28 Assembly.