PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA

This notice contains information about proposed amendments to the Constitution of Pennsylvania, based on separate joint resolutions of the General Assembly.

The General Assembly of Pennsylvania first proposed the amendments during the 2021-2022 session of the legislature. If a majority of the Senators and Representatives elected at the upcoming November 8, 2022, General Election approve one or more of the proposed amendments for a second time during the 2021-2022 session, proposed amendments covered will be published again and submitted to the voters of Pennsylvania as ballot questions, as required by Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution. If one or more of the ballot questions are approved by a majority of the people voting on them, the amendment(s) will become law.

This public notice is part of the process of amending the Constitution of Pennsylvania. The Secretary of the Commonwealth is required to publish a copy of the joint resolutions proposing the amendments. The text of the joint resolutions are included below this notice.

Words that appear in bold print are the changes to the words that are proposed by the General Assembly. If an amendment is approved, it would be added to the Constitution and the words in [brackets] would be deleted. If you need help reading this advertisement or need the test of the proposed amendments in an alternative format, call or write the Pennsylvania Department of State, Bureau of Elections, Room 210 North Office Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120, 1-877-888-3772, R-A-Elections@pa.gov.

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JOINT RESOLUTION 2021-2
Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for courts to be open and suits against the Commonwealth.

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

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI.

Section 11 of Article I be amended to read:

(a) The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby resolves as follows:

Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is passed by the General Assembly.

(b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is passed by the General Assembly.

(5) That Article VII be amended by adding a section to read:

Section 1.  The following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

(1) That Article 1 be amended by adding a section to read:

§ 8. Abortion.

This constitution does not grant the right to taxpayer-funded abortion or other right relating to abortion; further providing for the advertising of, and resolutions, for Lieutenant Governor, and for qualification of electors; and providing for election audits.

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

Section 1. The following separate and distinct amendments to the Constitution of Pennsylvania are proposed in accordance with Article XI:

(1) That Article 1 be amended by adding a section to read:

§ 8. Abortion.

This constitution does not grant the right to taxpayer-funded abortion or other right relating to abortion; further providing for the advertising of, and resolutions, for Lieutenant Governor, and for qualification of electors; and providing for election audits.

(2) That section of Article II be amended to read:


Every order, resolution or vote, to which the concurrence of both Houses may be necessary, except on the questions of adjournment, supra, would be repaid by two-thirds of both Houses according to the rules and limitations prescribed in case of a bill.

(3) That section of Article IV be amended to read:

§ 4. Lieutenant Governor.

A Lieutenant Governor shall be chosen jointly with the Governor by the electors of each county and by the members of the General Assembly.