

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 276 Session of
2023INTRODUCED BY WEBSTER, HILL-EVANS, GUENST, GALLOWAY, MADDEN,
SANCHEZ, NEILSON, KINKEAD AND CIRESI, MARCH 10, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 10, 2023

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for disqualifications for
3 service as election officer.

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 12 of Article VII be amended to read:

9 § 12. Disqualifications for service as election officer.

10 No persons shall be qualified to serve as an election officer
11 who shall hold, or shall within two months have held any
12 office[,] or appointment [or employment] in or under the
13 government of the United States, or of this State, or of any
14 city, or county, or of any municipal board, commission or trust
15 in any city, save only notaries public and persons in the
16 National Guard or in a reserve component of the armed forces of
17 the United States; nor shall any election officer be eligible to
18 any civil office to be filled at an election at which he shall

1 serve, save only to such subordinate municipal or local offices,
2 below the grade of city or county offices, as shall be
3 designated by general law.

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 primary, general or municipal
18 election which meets the requirements of section 1 of Article
19 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.