

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY DIAMOND, ROAE, IRVIN, HAMM, KAUFFMAN, MOUL,
ZIMMERMAN, KEEFER, M. JONES, ROWE, BOROWICZ AND WARNER,
MARCH 24, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 24, 2023

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for method of elections
3 and secrecy in voting.

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 4 of Article VII be amended to read:

9 § 4. Method of elections; secrecy in voting.

10 [All] Except as permitted by absentee ballot under section 14
11 of this article, all elections by the citizens shall be by
12 ballot [or by such other method as may be prescribed by law:]
13 cast in person by electors at their polling place, including
14 early in-person voting, as prescribed by law: Provided, That
15 secrecy in voting be preserved.

16 Section 2. The following procedure applies 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 primary, general or municipal
13 election which meets the requirements of section 1 of Article
14 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.