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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY TRUITT, CUTLER, GODSHALL, TALLMAN, MAHONEY,  
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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for public school system  
3 by prohibiting certain strikes and lockouts.

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 14 of Article III be amended to read:

9 § 14. Public school system.

10 The General Assembly shall provide for the maintenance and  
11 support of a thorough and efficient system of public education  
12 to serve the needs of the Commonwealth and shall not provide for  
13 any lawful strike or lockout of employees of public education.

14 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General  
15 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the  
16 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to  
17 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article  
18 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the

1 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in  
2 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after  
3 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

4 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this  
5 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the  
6 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the  
7 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the  
8 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required  
9 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such  
10 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of  
11 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the  
12 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment  
13 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first  
14 primary, general or municipal election which meets the  
15 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article  
16 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least  
17 three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is  
18 passed by the General Assembly.