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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY ROWE, BERNSTINE, GROVE, HAMM, HERSHEY, KAUFFMAN,  
KEEFER, KERWIN, LEWIS, MAJOR, METCALFE, MOUL, PENNYCUICK,  
ROTHMAN, RYAN, SMITH AND ZIMMERMAN, MARCH 17, 2022

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, MARCH 17, 2022

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, providing for tax and fee ballot questions.

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

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

7 That Article VIII be amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 18. Tax and fee ballot questions.

9 (a) The officer of the Commonwealth who under law shall have  
10 supervision over elections shall cause separate ballot questions  
11 to be placed on the ballot for each primary election asking  
12 electors if they approve or disapprove of any of the following  
13 enacted since the last primary election by the Commonwealth, a  
14 political subdivision or an authority:

15 (1) An increase of a tax or fee.

16 (2) An expansion of a tax or fee.

17 (3) A new tax or fee.

1 (b) If the electors disapprove of an increase, expansion or  
2 a new tax or fee, the Commonwealth or a political subdivision  
3 thereof shall not increase or establish the new tax or fee.

4 (c) The General Assembly may override the disapproval by the  
5 electorate of an increase, expansion or new tax or fee by a two-  
6 thirds vote.

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

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