
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY CALTAGIRONE, V. BROWN, DIAMOND, McNEILL, MALONEY,
COX, ROZZI, COHEN, MAHONEY AND SIMMONS, MARCH 4, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, MARCH 4, 2015

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, in declaration of rights, providing for
3 prohibition against taking homes.

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 Article I be amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 29. Prohibition against taking homes.

10 A Commonwealth or local government entity shall not take a
11 primary residence from a homeowner because the homeowner cannot
12 afford to pay property taxes on the primary residence.

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

1 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
2 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

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