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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY KENYATTA, RABB, BURGOS, BRIGGS, HOHENSTEIN,  
PROBST, SANCHEZ, SIEGEL, KINSEY, GUENST, PIELLI, MADDEN,  
PARKER, VENKAT, FIEDLER, GALLOWAY AND FREEMAN, MARCH 27, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 27, 2023

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing integrated amendments to the Constitution of the  
2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for  
3 ineligibility by criminal convictions and for removal of  
4 civil officers.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby resolves as follows:

7 Section 1. The following integrated amendments to the  
8 Constitution of Pennsylvania are proposed in accordance with  
9 Article XI:

10 (1) That section 7 of Article II be amended to read:

11 § 7. Ineligibility by criminal convictions.

12 No person hereafter convicted of embezzlement of public  
13 moneys, bribery, perjury, sedition conspiracy against the  
14 United States or other infamous crime, shall be eligible to the  
15 General Assembly, or capable of holding any office of trust or  
16 profit in this Commonwealth.

17 (2) That section 7 of Article VI be amended to read:

18 § 7. Removal of civil officers.

1 All civil officers shall hold their offices on the condition  
2 that they behave themselves well while in office, and shall be  
3 removed on conviction of seeditious conspiracy against the United  
4 States, misbehavior in office or of any infamous crime.  
5 Appointed civil officers, other than judges of the courts of  
6 record, may be removed at the pleasure of the power by which  
7 they shall have been appointed. All civil officers elected by  
8 the people, except the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor,  
9 members of the General Assembly and judges of the courts of  
10 record, shall be removed by the Governor for reasonable cause,  
11 after due notice and full hearing, on the address of two-thirds  
12 of the Senate.

13 Section 2. The following procedure applies to the proposed  
14 constitutional amendments in this joint resolution:

15 (1) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of  
16 the amendments, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
17 proceed immediately to comply with the advertising  
18 requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution  
19 of Pennsylvania.

20 (2) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of  
21 the amendments, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
22 proceed immediately to comply with the advertising  
23 requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution  
24 of Pennsylvania. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
25 submit the amendments to the qualified electors of this  
26 Commonwealth as a single ballot question at the first general  
27 election which meets the requirements of section 1 of Article  
28 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.