THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 106

Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY ARGALL, STREET, MARTIN, STEFANO, PHILLIPS-HILL, DISANTO, BAKER, MASTRIANO, PITTMAN, REGAN AND SCHWANK, JANUARY 22, 2021

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 22, 2021

A JOINT RESOLUTION

- Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for Lieutenant Governor.
- 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 section 4 of Article IV be amended to read:
- 8 § 4. Lieutenant Governor.
- 9 [A Lieutenant Governor shall be chosen jointly with the
- 10 Governor by the casting by each voter of a single vote
- 11 applicable to both offices, for the same term, and subject to
- 12 the same provisions as the Governor; he] Each candidate for
- 13 Governor, having been nominated under the laws of this
- 14 Commonwealth, shall, subject to the approval of the political
- 15 party or political body, if any, nominating such candidate,
- 16 <u>select a candidate for Lieutenant Governor within such time</u>
- 17 before the gubernatorial general election as the General

- 1 Assembly shall prescribe by law. A person may not seek election_
- 2 to both offices simultaneously. The Lieutenant Governor shall be
- 3 President of the Senate. As such, [he] the Lieutenant Governor
- 4 may vote in case of a tie on any question except the final
- 5 passage of a bill or joint resolution, the adoption of a
- 6 conference report or the concurrence in amendments made by the
- 7 House of Representatives.
- 8 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
- 9 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the
- 10 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to
- 11 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
- 12 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
- 13 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
- 14 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
- 15 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.
- 16 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this
- 17 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the
- 18 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the
- 19 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
- 20 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required
- 21 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such
- 22 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of
- 23 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the
- 24 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment
- 25 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first
- 26 primary, general or municipal election which meets the
- 27 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article
- 28 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least
- 29 three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is
- 30 passed by the General Assembly.