
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 21, 2023

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for appropriation bills.

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 11 of Article III be amended to read:

8 § 11. Appropriation bills.

9 The general appropriation bill shall embrace nothing but
10 appropriations for a single fiscal year for the executive,
11 legislative and judicial departments of the Commonwealth, for
12 the public debt and for public schools. All other
13 appropriations, including supplemental appropriations for a
14 prior fiscal year, shall be made by separate bills, each
15 embracing but one subject.

16 Section 2. The following procedure applies to the proposed
17 constitutional amendment in this joint resolution:

1 (1) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of
2 the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall
3 proceed immediately to comply with the advertising
4 requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution
5 of Pennsylvania.

6 (2) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of
7 the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall
8 proceed immediately to comply with the advertising
9 requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution
10 of Pennsylvania. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall
11 submit the amendment to the qualified electors of this
12 Commonwealth at the first primary, general or municipal
13 election which meets the requirements of section 1 of Article
14 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.