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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 570 Session of  
2023

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INTRODUCED BY ARGALL, STREET, BARTOLOTTA, STEFANO, PHILLIPS-  
HILL, ROBINSON, AUMENT, BAKER, DiSANTO, REGAN AND COSTA,  
MARCH 30, 2023

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 30, 2023

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 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 select a candidate for Lieutenant Governor within such time  
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. The following procedure applies to the proposed  
9 constitutional amendment in this joint resolution:

10 (1) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of  
11 the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
12 proceed immediately to comply with the advertising  
13 requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution  
14 of Pennsylvania.

15 (2) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of  
16 the amendment, 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. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
20 submit the amendment to the qualified electors of this  
21 Commonwealth at the first general or municipal election which  
22 meets the requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the  
23 Constitution of Pennsylvania.