
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 639 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY WAUGH, GREENLEAF, HUTCHINSON, KASUNIC, FONTANA,
MENSCH, RAFFERTY, ERICKSON, WILEY, BREWSTER, COSTA,
TARTAGLIONE AND SOLOBAY, MARCH 8, 2013

REFERRED TO FINANCE, MARCH 8, 2013

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for persons with military
3 service-connected disabilities to receive property tax
4 exemptions.

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

7 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
8 Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

9 That section 2(c) of Article VIII be amended to read:

10 § 2. Exemptions and special provisions.

11 * * *

12 (c) Citizens and residents of this Commonwealth, who served
13 in [any war or armed conflict in which the United States was
14 engaged] the armed forces of the United States and were
15 honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances
16 from active service, shall be exempt from the payment of all
17 real property taxes upon the residence occupied by the said
18 citizens and residents of this Commonwealth imposed by the

1 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any of its political
2 subdivisions if, as a result of military service, they are
3 blind, paraplegic or double or quadruple amputees or have a
4 service-connected disability declared by the United States
5 Veterans Administration or its successor to be a total or 100%
6 permanent disability, and if the State Veterans' Commission
7 determines that such persons are in need of the tax exemptions
8 granted herein. This exemption shall be extended to the
9 unmarried surviving spouse upon the death of an eligible veteran
10 provided that the State Veterans' Commission determines that
11 such person is in need of the exemption.

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

20 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this
21 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the
22 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the
23 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
24 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required
25 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such
26 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of
27 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the
28 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment
29 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first
30 primary, general or municipal election which meets the

1 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article
2 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least
3 three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is
4 passed by the General Assembly.