
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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PITTMAN, MASTRIANO AND GEBHARD, DECEMBER 1, 2021

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, DECEMBER 1, 2021

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, in the executive, further providing for
3 disaster emergency declaration and management.

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

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

8 (1) That section 20 of Article IV be amended by adding a
9 subsection to read:

10 § 20. Disaster emergency declaration and management.

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12 (e) Upon expiration of a disaster emergency declaration
13 under subsection (a), emergency authority granted under the
14 expired disaster emergency declaration to a secretary or acting
15 secretary of a department of the Commonwealth or to an agency
16 under the Governor's jurisdiction shall also expire.

17 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General

1 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the
2 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to
3 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
4 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
5 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
6 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
7 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

8 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this
9 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the
10 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the
11 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
12 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required
13 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such
14 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of
15 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the
16 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment
17 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first
18 primary, general or municipal election which meets the
19 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article
20 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least
21 three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is
22 passed by the General Assembly.