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INTRODUCED BY KEEFER, IRVIN, ECKER, HAMM, GROVE, KAUFFMAN,  
JAMES, ROWE, ZIMMERMAN, GLEIM, LEADBETER, MOUL AND T. JONES,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MAY 5, 2023

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for judicial  
3 administration.

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 That section 10(c) of Article V be amended to read:

9 § 10. Judicial administration.

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11 (c) [The] Except as provided by law, the Supreme Court shall  
12 have the power to prescribe general rules governing practice,  
13 procedure and the conduct of all courts, justices of the peace  
14 and all officers serving process or enforcing orders, judgments  
15 or decrees of any court or justice of the peace, including the  
16 power to provide for assignment and reassignment of classes of  
17 actions or classes of appeals among the several courts as the

1 needs of justice shall require, and for admission to the bar and  
2 to practice law, and the administration of all courts and  
3 supervision of all officers of the Judicial Branch, if such  
4 rules are consistent with this Constitution and neither abridge,  
5 enlarge nor modify the substantive rights of any litigant, nor  
6 affect the right of the General Assembly to determine the  
7 jurisdiction of any court or justice of the peace, nor suspend  
8 nor alter any statute of limitation or repose. [All laws shall  
9 be suspended to the extent that they are inconsistent with rules  
10 prescribed under these provisions. Notwithstanding the  
11 provisions of this section, the] The General Assembly may by  
12 statute provide for the manner of testimony of child victims or  
13 child material witnesses in criminal proceedings, including the  
14 use of videotaped depositions or testimony by closed-circuit  
15 television.

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

19 (1) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of  
20 the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
21 proceed immediately to comply with the advertising  
22 requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution  
23 of Pennsylvania.

24 (2) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of  
25 the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
26 proceed immediately to comply with the advertising  
27 requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution  
28 of Pennsylvania. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall  
29 submit the amendment to the qualified electors of this  
30 Commonwealth at the first primary, general or municipal

1 election which meets the requirements of section 1 of Article  
2 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.