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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 23, 2021

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for disqualifications for  
3 service as election officer.

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 12 of Article VII be amended to read:

9 § 12. Disqualifications for service as election officer.

10 No persons shall be qualified to serve as an election officer  
11 who shall hold, or shall within two months have held any  
12 office[, ] or appointment [or employment] in or under the  
13 government of the United States, or of this State, or of any  
14 city, or county, or of any municipal board, commission or trust  
15 in any city, save only notaries public and persons in the  
16 National Guard or in a reserve component of the armed forces of  
17 the United States; nor shall any election officer be eligible to

1 any civil office to be filled at an election at which he shall  
2 serve, save only to such subordinate municipal or local offices,  
3 below the grade of city or county offices, as shall be  
4 designated by general law.

5 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General  
6 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the  
7 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to  
8 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article  
9 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the  
10 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in  
11 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after  
12 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

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