
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, OCTOBER 24, 2023

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for qualifications of
3 certain judges.

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(b) of Article V be amended to read:

9 § 12. Qualifications of justices, judges and justices of the
10 peace.

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12 (b) Justices of the peace shall be members of the bar of the
13 Supreme Court or shall complete a course of training and
14 instruction in the duties of their respective offices and pass
15 an examination prior to [assuming office.] being nominated to
16 fill vacancies pursuant to section 13(b) of this article or to
17 filing a nomination petition for their respective offices. Such
18 courses and examinations shall be as provided by law.

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

3 (1) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of
4 the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall
5 proceed immediately to comply with the advertising
6 requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution
7 of Pennsylvania.

8 (2) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of
9 the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall
10 proceed immediately to comply with the advertising
11 requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution
12 of Pennsylvania. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall
13 submit the amendment to the qualified electors of this
14 Commonwealth at the first general or municipal election which
15 meets the requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
16 Constitution of Pennsylvania.