
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY ISAACSON, DEASY, HILL-EVANS, HOHENSTEIN, LEE,
SANCHEZ AND ZABEL, FEBRUARY 11, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 11, 2021

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing separate and distinct amendments to the Constitution
2 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for an
3 economic bill of rights.

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

6 Section 1. The following separate and distinct amendments to
7 the Constitution of Pennsylvania are proposed in accordance with
8 Article XI:

9 That Article I be amended by adding a section to read:

10 § 29. Economic bill of rights.

11 (a) The people shall have the right to a living wage to
12 reasonably support one's self and their family.

13 (b) The people shall have the right to affordable and
14 accessible health care and the opportunity to achieve and enjoy
15 good physical and mental health.

16 (c) The people shall have the right to safe, efficient and
17 reliable transportation infrastructure.

18 (d) The people shall have the right to safe and healthy

1 working conditions.

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

11 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of these
12 proposed separate and distinct constitutional amendments, the
13 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to
14 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
15 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
16 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
17 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
18 passage of these proposed separate and distinct constitutional
19 amendments. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall submit these
20 proposed separate and distinct constitutional amendments under
21 section 1 of this resolution to the qualified electors of this
22 Commonwealth as four separate and distinct ballot questions at
23 the first 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 these proposed separate and distinct
27 constitutional amendments are passed by the General Assembly.