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AND ZABEL, MARCH 3, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 3, 2021

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, in the legislature, further providing for
3 terms of members.

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 3 of Article II be amended to read:

9 § 3. Terms of members.

10 (a) Senators shall be elected for the term of [four] six
11 years and Representatives for the term of [two] four years.

12 (b) A Senator shall not be eligible for election to more
13 than three consecutive full terms of office in the Senate. A
14 Representative shall not be eligible for election to more than
15 three consecutive full terms of office in the House of
16 Representatives.

17 (c) A Senator who has served three consecutive full terms in

1 the Senate shall be eligible for election to the Senate at an
2 election held not less than four years after the completion of
3 the Senator's third consecutive full term of office. A
4 Representative who has served three consecutive full terms in
5 the House of Representatives shall be eligible for election to
6 the House of Representatives at an election held not less than
7 two years after completion of the Representative's third
8 consecutive full term of office.

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

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

1 passed by the General Assembly.

2 Section 3. The amendment of section 3 of Article II of the
3 Constitution of Pennsylvania shall apply to members of the
4 General Assembly whose term of office commences after the
5 approval of the electorate of the amendment.