
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1236 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY TEPLITZ AND BREWSTER, JUNE 14, 2016

REFERRED TO APPROPRIATIONS, JUNE 14, 2016

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, providing for the general appropriation
3 bill.

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 (1) That Article III be amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 11.1. General appropriation bill.

10 (a) The general appropriation bill for a fiscal year shall
11 be introduced in the General Assembly prior to or on the first
12 Tuesday of the month following the Governor's budget address.

13 (b) On the first Tuesday of the month following the
14 Governor's budget address, and on the first Tuesday of each
15 subsequent month until the general appropriation bill is enacted
16 into law, the majority and minority chairpersons of the
17 Appropriations Committee of the Senate, the majority and
18 minority chairpersons of the Appropriations Committee of the

1 House of Representatives and a designee of the Governor's Office
2 shall present a joint report to the General Assembly detailing
3 the current status of the budget negotiations between the
4 General Assembly and the Governor's Office concerning the
5 general appropriation bill and any related revenue-generating
6 bills. The first report shall include the number of meetings
7 concerning the budget negotiations held between the General
8 Assembly and the Governor's Office, and any subsequent report
9 shall include the number of meetings that have occurred since
10 the previous report.

11 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
12 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, 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 this proposed constitutional amendment.

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

1 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least
2 three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is
3 passed by the General Assembly.