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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 1304 Session of  
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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 12, 2010

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

5 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of  
6 Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

7 That section 3 of Article II be amended to read:

8 § 3. Terms of members.

9 Senators shall be elected for the term of four years and  
10 Representatives for the term of two years. No member of the  
11 General Assembly shall serve more than a total of 12 years in  
12 the Senate and a total of 12 years in the House of  
13 Representatives over the course of his lifetime.

14 Section 2. The provisions of this resolution apply only to  
15 terms served by members of the General Assembly after the first  
16 election cycle following the ratification of this constitutional  
17 amendment and thereafter.

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

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