
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1520 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY GANNON, DALEY, COY, RUBLEY, BOSCOLA, FARGO,
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HENNESSEY, BROWNE, TRELLO, ROSS, CIVERA, WASHINGTON, SEYFERT
AND STRITTMATTER, MAY 15, 1997

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, APRIL 27, 1998

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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 14 of Article I be amended to read:

8 § 14. Prisoners to be bailable; habeas corpus.

9 All prisoners shall be bailable by sufficient sureties,
10 unless for capital offenses or for offenses for which the
11 maximum sentence is life imprisonment or unless no condition or
12 combination of conditions other than imprisonment will
13 reasonably assure the safety of any person and the community
14 when the proof is evident or presumption great; and the
15 privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended,
16 unless when in case of rebellion or invasion the public safety

1 may require it.

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

10 ~~(b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this~~
11 SECTION 2. UPON THIS SECOND PASSAGE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF <—
12 THIS proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the
13 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the
14 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
15 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required
16 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such
17 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of
18 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the
19 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment
20 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first
21 ~~primary,~~ general or municipal election occurring at least three <—
22 months after the proposed constitutional amendment is passed by
23 the General Assembly which meets the requirements of and is in
24 conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of
25 Pennsylvania.