

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL**No. 31**Session of
1971

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. KURY, LAUDADIO, BENNETT, RENWICK, FINEMAN, IRVIS, ENGLEHART, WISE, SHELHAMER, FEE, W. W. WILT, STEELE, HETRICK, SCHMITT, SELTZER, BEREN, MALADY, MANDERINO, GOODMAN, DREIBELBIS, KLUNK, KLEPPER, HOVIS, KENNEDY, BLAIR, STONE, BERSON, NEEDHAM, WANSACZ, MEHOLCHICK, WARGO, PEZAK, SHUPNIK, HALVERSON, RAPPAPORT, BERKES, MRS. GILLETTE, MESSRS. KAUFMAN, TAYLOR, SHANE, FOX, MEBUS, RYAN, HEPFORD, ZEARFOSS, ALEXANDER, W. W. ALLEN, F. M. ALLEN, MASTRANGELO, MANBECK, BURKARDT, H. S. PARKER, KNEPPER, WELLS, CESSAR, BRAIG, RUGGIERO, RYBAK, WILLIAMS, KOWALYSHYN, MYERS, ECKENSBERGER, BRUNNER, O'PAKE, BELLOMINI, DOMBROWSKI, O'CONNELL, ZELLER AND SMITH, JANUARY 6, 1971

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AS AMENDED, JANUARY 26, 1971

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to article one of the Constitution of the
2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania providing for the preservation
3 and restoration of our natural resources.

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 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with
8 the provisions of the eleventh article thereof:

9 That article one of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of
10 Pennsylvania be amended by adding at the end thereof, a section
11 to read:

12 Section 27. Natural Resources and the Public Estate.--The
13 people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the

1 preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic ←
2 values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public natural
3 resources are the common property of all the people, including
4 generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the
5 Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of
6 all the people.

7 SECTION 2. THIS PROPOSED AMENDMENT SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY THE ←
8 SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE
9 STATE, AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION NEXT HELD AFTER THE ADVERTISING
10 REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE ELEVEN, SECTION ONE OF THE CONSTITUTION
11 OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA HAVE BEEN SATISFIED.