

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS IN THE 2009-2010 PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AS OF AUGUST 2009**

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I. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY

Absentee voting, qualified electors, military elector, vote by mail (Amend Constitution Article VII, section 14) [HB333](#)

Appropriation bills, general appropriation bill, procedure, time requirement (Amend Constitution Article III, section 11) [SB61](#)

Appropriation bills, general, time requirement for passage (Amend Constitution Article III, section 11) [HB936](#)

Compensation laws, authorizing legislation to limit recovery of noneconomic and punitive damages, medical malpractice actions (Amend Constitution Article III, section 18) [HB199](#)

Decennial Reapportionment Commission; provisions relating to General Assembly and Congressional districts (Amend Constitution Article II, section 17) [SB83](#)

Elected Officials; House of Representatives, Senators, members of, voter registration; Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, voter registration (Amend Constitution Article II, section 5 and Article IV, section 5) [SB108](#) [SB612](#)

Exemptions and special provisions, businesses transferred between family members, portion of value from inheritance taxes (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 2 (b)(i)) [HB982](#)

General Assembly, election of members; vacancies; terms of members; sessions; compensation; Governor's budgets and financial plan; appropriations; surplus (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 2, 3, 4 and 8, Article VIII, sections 12, 13 and 14) [HB1554](#)

General Assembly, legislation, consideration of bills, sine die (Amend Constitution Article III, section 4) [HB279](#)

General Assembly, legislative sessions, voting during lame duck session (Amend Constitution Article II, section 4) [SB106](#)

General Assembly, limitation on the length of session (Amend Constitution Article II, section 4) [HB886](#)

General Assembly, sessions, legislation consideration, prohibited after first day of November preceding general election, exception, special or extraordinary session (Amend Constitution Article II, section 4) [HB636](#)

General Assembly, terms of members; Legislative Reapportionment Commission, district, residence, member, Senate or House of Representatives (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 3 and 17(f)) [HB1568](#)

General Assembly; legislative districts, decreasing (Amend Constitution Article II, section 16) [SB82](#)
[SB201](#) [SB684](#)

Incompatible offices, exception, member, National Guard or reserve component, United States Armed Forces, activated or not (Amend Constitution Article VI, section 2) [HB1202](#)

Initiative and referendum, indirect procedure, authorizing; powers reserved to the people (Amend Constitution Article III, adding section 33) [SB804](#)

Insurance Commissioner, election of; qualifications; disqualifications; contested elections (Amend Constitution Article IV, section 4.2 added, 5, 6 and 17 amended) [HB771](#) [HB1363](#)

Integrated amendments, hearing and deciding cases, dissolution of marriage, custody, child support, spousal support, alimony, equitable division of marital property, related family law matters (Constitution Article V, sections 5, 10(c) and 18(a) (7), (8) and (9), (b)(5), (c)(1), (3) and (4) and (d) introductory paragraph and (1), (2) and (3)) [HB418](#)

Judges and magisterial district judges, vacancies, Governor appointment, selection, tenure; Appellate Court Nominating Commission, established (Amend Constitution Article IV, section 8(b), Article V, sections 13, 14 and 15) [HB1621](#)

Judicial appointments, Governor (Amend Constitution Article IV, sections 8(b); Article V, sections 13, 14, and 15) [SB860](#)

"Justice of the peace" phrase, replacing with "magisterial district justice" (Amend Constitution Articles IV and V, in various sections) [SB220](#)

"Justice of the peace" phrase, replacing with "magisterial district justice" (Amend Constitution Articles IV and V, in various sections) [SB220](#)

Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Bureau (Amend Constitution Article II, section 17) [SB795](#)

Legislative districts, gradual reduction (Amend Constitution Article II, section 16) [HB604](#)

Legislative power; powers reserved to the people; initiative and referendum procedure (Amend Constitution Articles II & III) [SB192](#)

Property tax, exemptions and special provisions, armed forces of U.S. (Amend Constitution Article VIII, sections 2(c)) [SB593](#)

Property tax, reduction; volunteer firefighters or emergency medical technicians (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 2) [SB752](#)

Property tax; school districts to levy, homestead, prohibiting; funding elimination of school district real estate taxes, nonuniform rates of taxation on personal income, establishing (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 1) [SB717](#)

Public officers, elected, recall of, exception (Amend Constitution Article IV, section 8 added) [HB1562](#)

Real or homestead property tax assessments, based on actual market value; General Assembly, voter referendum (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 2(b)) [SB160](#)

Right to hunt, fish and harvest game (Amend Constitution Article I, section 29) [HB419](#)

School property tax, abolishing (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 18) [HB1475](#)

Security from searches and seizures (Amend Constitution Article I, section 8) [HB1129](#)

Senators, Representatives, limited outside earned income (Amend Constitution Article II, section 18) [HB654](#)

Spending limitations on the Commonwealth, imposition or levy of taxes or license fees (Amend Constitution Article VIII, sections 18 and 19) [HB1100](#)

State Gaming Fund, prohibition on transfers (Amend Constitution Article VIII, adding section 18) [HB518](#)

State mandates, political subdivisions, prohibited, absence of funding (Amend Constitution Article III, section 33 added) [HB1377](#)

Taxation and finance, exemptions and special provisions, Commonwealth citizens and residents, active duty, armed forces, killed in action (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 2(c)) [HB1066](#)

Taxation and finance; exemptions and special provisions; homestead property (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 2(b)(vi)) [SB278](#)

Taxation, exemptions and special provisions, unmarried surviving spouse of Commonwealth citizen or resident who served in armed forces, killed in action (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 2(c)) [HB1537](#)

Taxation, gasoline and motor license fees restricted, mass public transportation (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 11) [SB154](#)

Taxation, special provisions, certain long-term care expenses (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 2) [HB139](#)

Taxation, vehicle sales exemptions, military service-connected disabilities (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 2) [HB249](#)

Unicameral General Assembly composed of 203 members (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17 amended, section 14 repealed) [HB260](#)

Voting, absentee (Amend Constitution Article VII, section 14) [SB257](#) [SB258](#) [SB486](#)

II. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ARRANGED BY ARTICLE/SECTION

A1, s8: Security from searches and seizures (Amend Constitution Article I, section 8) [HB1129](#)

A1, s29: Right to hunt, fish and harvest game (Amend Constitution Article I, section 29) [HB419](#)

A2, s16: General Assembly; legislative districts, decreasing (Amend Constitution Article II, section 16) [SB82](#) [SB201](#) [SB684](#)

A2, s16: Legislative districts, gradual reduction (Amend Constitution Article II, section 16) [HB604](#)

A2, s17(f): General Assembly, terms of members; Legislative Reapportionment Commission, district, residence, member, Senate or House of Representatives (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 3 and 17(f)) [HB1568](#)

A2, s17: Decennial Reapportionment Commission; provisions relating to General Assembly and Congressional districts (Amend Constitution Article II, section 17) [SB83](#)

A2, s17: Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Bureau (Amend Constitution Article II, section 17) [SB795](#)

A2, s18: Senators, Representatives, limited outside earned income (Amend Constitution Article II, section 18) [HB654](#)

A2, s2: General Assembly, election of members; vacancies; terms of members; sessions; compensation; Governor's budgets and financial plan; appropriations; surplus (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 2, 3, 4 and 8, Article VIII, sections 12, 13 and 14) [HB1554](#)

A2, s2: General Assembly, election of members; vacancies; terms of members; sessions; compensation; Governor's budgets and financial plan; appropriations; surplus (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 2, 3, 4 and 8, Article VIII, sections 12, 13 and 14) [HB1554](#)

A2, s3: General Assembly, election of members; vacancies; terms of members; sessions; compensation; Governor's budgets and financial plan; appropriations; surplus (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 2, 3, 4 and 8, Article VIII, sections 12, 13 and 14) [HB1554](#)

A2, s3: General Assembly, terms of members; Legislative Reapportionment Commission, district, residence, member, Senate or House of Representatives (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 3 and 17(f)) [HB1568](#)

A2, s4: General Assembly, election of members; vacancies; terms of members; sessions; compensation; Governor's budgets and financial plan; appropriations; surplus (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 2, 3, 4 and 8, Article VIII, sections 12, 13 and 14) [HB1554](#)

A2, s4: General Assembly, legislative sessions, voting during lame duck session (Amend Constitution Article II, section 4) [SB106](#)

A2, s4: General Assembly, limitation on the length of session (Amend Constitution Article II, section 4) [HB886](#)

A2, s4: General Assembly, sessions, legislation consideration, prohibited after first day of November preceding general election, exception, special or extraordinary session (Amend Constitution Article II, section 4) [HB636](#)

A2, s5: Elected Officials; House of Representatives, Senators, members of, voter registration; Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, voter registration (Amend Constitution Article II, section 5 and Article IV, section 5) [SB108](#) [SB612](#)

A2, s8: General Assembly, election of members; vacancies; terms of members; sessions; compensation; Governor's budgets and financial plan; appropriations; surplus (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 2, 3, 4 and 8, Article VIII, sections 12, 13 and 14) [HB1554](#)

A2: Legislative power; powers reserved to the people; initiative and referendum procedure (Amend Constitution Articles II & III) [SB192](#)

A3, s11: Appropriation bills, general appropriation bill, procedure, time requirement (Amend Constitution Article III, section 11) [SB61](#)

A3, s11: Appropriation bills, general, time requirement for passage (Amend Constitution Article III, section 11) [HB936](#)

A2, s16: Legislative districts, gradual reduction (Amend Constitution Article II, section 16) [HB604](#)

A2, s17(f): General Assembly, terms of members; Legislative Reapportionment Commission, district, residence, member, Senate or House of Representatives (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 3 and 17(f)) [HB1568](#)

A2, s17: Decennial Reapportionment Commission; provisions relating to General Assembly and Congressional districts (Amend Constitution Article II, section 17) [SB83](#)

A2, s17: Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Bureau (Amend Constitution Article II, section 17) [SB795](#)

A2, s18: Senators, Representatives, limited outside earned income (Amend Constitution Article II, section 18) [HB654](#)

A3: Legislative power; powers reserved to the people; initiative and referendum procedure (Amend Constitution Articles II & III) [SB192](#)

A3, s18: Compensation laws, authorizing legislation to limit recovery of noneconomic and punitive damages, medical malpractice actions (Amend Constitution Article III, section 18) [HB199](#)

A3, s33: Initiative and referendum, indirect procedure, authorizing; powers reserved to the people (Amend Constitution Article III, adding section 33) [SB804](#)

A3, s33: State mandates, political subdivisions, prohibited, absence of funding (Amend Constitution Article III, section 33 added) [HB1377](#)

A3, s4: General Assembly, legislation, consideration of bills, sine die (Amend Constitution Article III, section 4) [HB279](#)

A4: "Justice of the peace" phrase, replacing with "magisterial district justice" (Amend Constitution Articles IV and V, in various sections) [SB220](#)

A4, s2: Incompatible offices, exception, member, National Guard or reserve component, United States Armed Forces, activated or not (Amend Constitution Article VI, section 2) [HB1202](#)

A4, s4.2: Insurance Commissioner, election of; qualifications; disqualifications; contested elections (Amend Constitution Article IV, section 4.2 added, 5, 6 and 17 amended) [HB771](#) [HB1363](#)

A4, s5: Elected Officials; House of Representatives, Senators, members of, voter registration; Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, voter registration (Amend Constitution Article II, section 5 and Article IV, section 5) [SB108](#) [SB612](#)

A4, s5: Insurance Commissioner, election of; qualifications; disqualifications; contested elections (Amend Constitution Article IV, section 4.2 added, 5, 6 and 17 amended) [HB771](#) [HB1363](#)

A4, s6: Insurance Commissioner, election of; qualifications; disqualifications; contested elections (Amend Constitution Article IV, section 4.2 added, 5, 6 and 17 amended) [HB771](#) [HB1363](#)

A4, s7: Insurance Commissioner, election of; qualifications; disqualifications; contested elections (Amend Constitution Article IV, section 4.2 added, 5, 6 and 17 amended) [HB771](#) [HB1363](#)

A4, s8(b): Judges and magisterial district judges, vacancies, Governor appointment, selection, tenure; Appellate Court Nominating Commission, established (Amend Constitution Article IV, section 8(b), Article V, sections 13, 14 and 15) [HB1621](#)

A4, s8: Public officers, elected, recall of, exception (Amend Constitution Article IV, section 8 added) [HB1562](#)

A5: "Justice of the peace" phrase, replacing with "magisterial district justice" (Amend Constitution Articles IV and V, in various sections) [SB220](#)

A5, s5: Integrated amendments, hearing and deciding cases, dissolution of marriage, custody, child support, spousal support, alimony, equitable division of marital property, related family law matters (Constitution Article V, sections 5, 10(c) and 18(a) (7), (8) and (9), (b)(5), (c)(1), (3) and (4) and (d) introductory paragraph and (1), (2) and (3)) [HB418](#)

A5, s5: Integrated amendments, hearing and deciding cases, dissolution of marriage, custody, child support, spousal support, alimony, equitable division of marital property, related family law matters (Constitution Article V, sections 5, 10(c) and 18(a) (7), (8) and (9), (b)(5), (c)(1), (3) and (4) and (d) introductory paragraph and (1), (2) and (3)) [HB418](#)

A5, s10(c): Integrated amendments, hearing and deciding cases, dissolution of marriage, custody, child support, spousal support, alimony, equitable division of marital property, related family law matters (Constitution Article V, sections 5, 10(c) and 18(a) (7), (8) and (9), (b)(5), (c)(1), (3) and (4) and (d) introductory paragraph and (1), (2) and (3)) [HB418](#)

A5, s13: Judges and magisterial district judges, vacancies, Governor appointment, selection, tenure; Appellate Court Nominating Commission, established (Amend Constitution Article IV, section 8(b), Article V, sections 13, 14 and 15) [HB1621](#)

A5, s13(c): Justices of the peace, retention election provisions (Amend Constitution Article V, sections 13(c) and 15(b)) [SB217](#)

A5, s14: Judges and magisterial district judges, vacancies, Governor appointment, selection, tenure; Appellate Court Nominating Commission, established (Amend Constitution Article IV, section 8(b), Article V, sections 13, 14 and 15) [HB1621](#)

A5, s15: Judges and magisterial district judges, vacancies, Governor appointment, selection, tenure; Appellate Court Nominating Commission, established (Amend Constitution Article IV, section 8(b), Article V, sections 13, 14 and 15) [HB1621](#)

A5: s15(b): Justices of the peace, retention election provisions (Amend Constitution Article V, sections 13(c) and 15(b)) [SB217](#)

A5, s18(a)(7)(8) and (9): Integrated amendments, hearing and deciding cases, dissolution of marriage, custody, child support, spousal support, alimony, equitable division of marital property, related family law matters (Constitution Article V, sections 5, 10(c) and 18(a) (7), (8) and (9), (b)(5), (c)(1), (3) and (4) and (d) introductory paragraph and (1), (2) and (3)) [HB418](#)

A5, s18(b)(5): Integrated amendments, hearing and deciding cases, dissolution of marriage, custody, child support, spousal support, alimony, equitable division of marital property, related family law matters (Constitution Article V, sections 5, 10(c) and 18(a) (7), (8) and (9), (b)(5), (c)(1), (3) and (4) and (d) introductory paragraph and (1), (2) and (3)) [HB418](#)

A5, s18(c) (1), (3) and (4): Integrated amendments, hearing and deciding cases, dissolution of marriage, custody, child support, spousal support, alimony, equitable division of marital property, related family law matters (Constitution Article V, sections 5, 10(c) and 18(a) (7), (8) and (9), (b)(5), (c)(1), (3) and (4) and (d) introductory paragraph and (1), (2) and (3)) [HB418](#)

A5, s18(d) introductory paragraph and (1), (2), and (3): Integrated amendments, hearing and deciding cases, dissolution of marriage, custody, child support, spousal support, alimony, equitable division of marital property, related family law matters (Constitution Article V, sections 5, 10(c) and 18(a) (7), (8) and (9), (b)(5), (c)(1), (3) and (4) and (d) introductory paragraph and (1), (2) and (3)) [HB418](#)

A7, s14: Absentee voting, qualified electors, military elector, vote by mail (Amend Constitution Article VII, section 14) [HB333](#)

A7, s14: Voting, absentee (Amend Constitution Article VII, section 14) [SB257](#) [SB258](#) [SB486](#)

A8, s1: Property tax; school districts to levy, homestead, prohibiting; funding elimination of school district real estate taxes, nonuniform rates of taxation on personal income, establishing (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 1) [SB717](#)

A8, s1: Unicameral General Assembly composed of 203 members (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17 amended, section 14 repealed) [HB260](#)

A8, s2: Property tax, reduction; volunteer firefighters or emergency medical technicians (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 2) [SB752](#)

A8, s2: Taxation, special provisions, certain long-term care expenses (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 2) [HB139](#)

A8, s2: Taxation, vehicle sales exemptions, military service-connected disabilities (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 2) [HB249](#)

A8, s2: Unicameral General Assembly composed of 203 members (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17 amended, section 14 repealed) [HB260](#)

A8, s2(b)(i): Exemptions and special provisions, businesses transferred between family members, portion of value from inheritance taxes (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 2 (b)(i)) [HB982](#)

A8, s2(b)(vi): Taxation and finance; exemptions and special provisions; homestead property (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 2(b)(vi)) [SB278](#)

A8, s2(b): Real or homestead property tax assessments, based on actual market value; General Assembly, voter referendum (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 2(b)) [SB160](#)

A8, s2(c): Property tax, exemptions and special provisions, armed forces of U.S. (Amend Constitution Article VIII, sections 2(c)) [SB593](#)

A8, s2(c): Taxation and finance, exemptions and special provisions, Commonwealth citizens and residents, active duty, armed forces, killed in action (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 2(c)) [HB1066](#)

A8, s2(c): Taxation, exemptions and special provisions, unmarried surviving spouse of Commonwealth citizen or resident who served in armed forces, killed in action (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 2(c)) [HB1537](#)

A8, s3: Unicameral General Assembly composed of 203 members (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17 amended, section 14 repealed) [HB260](#)

A8, s4: Unicameral General Assembly composed of 203 members (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17 amended, section 14 repealed) [HB260](#)

A8, s5: Unicameral General Assembly composed of 203 members (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17 amended, section 14 repealed) [HB260](#)

A8, s6: Unicameral General Assembly composed of 203 members (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17 amended, section 14 repealed) [HB260](#)

A8, s8: Unicameral General Assembly composed of 203 members (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17 amended, section 14 repealed) [HB260](#)

A8, s9: Unicameral General Assembly composed of 203 members (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17 amended, section 14 repealed) [HB260](#)

A8, s10: Unicameral General Assembly composed of 203 members (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17 amended, section 14 repealed) [HB260](#)

A8, s11: Taxation, gasoline and motor license fees restricted, mass public transportation (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 11) [SB154](#)

A8, s11: Unicameral General Assembly composed of 203 members (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17 amended, section 14 repealed) [HB260](#)

A8, s12: General Assembly, election of members; vacancies; terms of members; sessions; compensation; Governor's budgets and financial plan; appropriations; surplus (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 2, 3, 4 and 8, Article VIII, sections 12, 13 and 14) [HB1554](#)

A8, s12: Unicameral General Assembly composed of 203 members (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17 amended, section 14 repealed) [HB260](#)

A8, s13: General Assembly, election of members; vacancies; terms of members; sessions; compensation; Governor's budgets and financial plan; appropriations; surplus (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 2, 3, 4 and 8, Article VIII, sections 12, 13 and 14) [HB1554](#)

A8, s13: Unicameral General Assembly composed of 203 members (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17 amended, section 14 repealed) [HB260](#)

A8, s14: General Assembly, election of members; vacancies; terms of members; sessions; compensation; Governor's budgets and financial plan; appropriations; surplus (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 2, 3, 4 and 8, Article VIII, sections 12, 13 and 14) [HB1554](#)

A8, s15: Unicameral General Assembly composed of 203 members (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17 amended, section 14 repealed) [HB260](#)

A8, s16: Unicameral General Assembly composed of 203 members (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17 amended, section 14 repealed) [HB260](#)

A8, s17: Unicameral General Assembly composed of 203 members (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17 amended, section 14 repealed) [HB260](#)

A8, s18: School property tax, abolishing (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 18) [HB1475](#)

A8, 18: Spending limitations on the Commonwealth, imposition or levy of taxes or license fees (Amend Constitution Article VIII, sections 18 and 19) [HB1100](#)

A8, s18: State Gaming Fund, prohibition on transfers (Amend Constitution Article VIII, adding section 18) [HB518](#)

A8, 19: Spending limitations on the Commonwealth, imposition or levy of taxes or license fees (Amend Constitution Article VIII, sections 18 and 19) [HB1100](#)