
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 231 Session of
1999

INTRODUCED BY CONTI, TOMLINSON, EARLL, BELL, MELLOW, LEMMOND,
WAUGH, THOMPSON, WHITE, WOZNIAK, CORMAN AND BRIGHTBILL,
JANUARY 28, 1999

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, JANUARY 28, 1999

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for retirement of
3 justices, judges and justices of the peace.

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 That section 16(b) of Article V be amended to read:

9 § 16. Compensation and retirement of justices, judges and
10 justices of the peace.

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12 (b) Justices, judges and justices of the peace shall be
13 retired [upon attaining] on the last day of the calendar year in
14 which they attain the age of 70 years. Former and retired
15 justices, judges and justices of the peace shall receive such
16 compensation as shall be provided by law. Except as provided by
17 law, no salary, retirement benefit or other compensation,

1 present or deferred, shall be paid to any justice, judge or
2 justice of the peace who, under section 18 or under Article VI,
3 is suspended, removed or barred from holding judicial office for
4 conviction of a felony or misconduct in office or conduct which
5 prejudices the proper administration of justice or brings the
6 judicial office into disrepute.

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8 Section 2. Upon the second passage by the General Assembly
9 of this proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the
10 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the
11 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
12 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required
13 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such
14 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of
15 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the
16 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment
17 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first
18 primary, general or municipal election occurring at least three
19 months after the proposed constitutional amendment is passed by
20 the General Assembly which meets the requirements of and is in
21 conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of
22 Pennsylvania.