A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for the composition and powers of the Board of Pardons.

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

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

8 § 9. Pardoning power; Board of Pardons.

10 (a) In all criminal cases except impeachment the Governor shall have power to remit fines and forfeitures, to grant reprieves, commutation of sentences and pardons; but no pardon shall be granted, nor sentence commuted, except on the recommendation in writing of a majority of the Board of Pardons,
and in the case of a sentence of death or life imprisonment, on
the unanimous recommendation in writing of the Board of Pardons,
after full hearing in open session, upon due public notice. The
recommendation, with the reasons therefor at length, shall be
delivered to the Governor and a copy thereof shall be kept on
file in the office of the Lieutenant Governor in a docket kept
for that purpose.

(b) The Board of Pardons shall consist of the Lieutenant
Governor who shall be chairman, the Attorney General and three
members appointed by the Governor with the consent of [two-
thirds or] a majority of the members elected to the Senate [as
is specified by law] for terms of six years. The three members
appointed by the Governor shall be residents of Pennsylvania
[and shall be recognized leaders in their fields; one]. One
shall be a [member of the bar,] crime victim; one a
[penologist,] corrections expert; and the third a doctor of
medicine, psychiatrist or psychologist, with expertise in the
prediction of violent behavior. The board shall keep records of
its actions, which shall at all times be open for public
inspection.