A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania providing for filling vacancies in the office of justice, judge or justice of the peace.

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

3 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with the provisions of Article XI thereof:

4 That subsection (b) of section 13 of Article V of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be amended to read:

5 § 13. Election of justices, judges and justices of the peace; vacancies.

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7 (b) A vacancy in the office of justice, judge or justice of the peace shall be filled by appointment by the Governor. The appointment shall be with the advice and consent of two-thirds of the members elected to the Senate, except in the case of
justices of the peace which shall be by a majority. The person
so appointed shall serve for [an initial] a term ending on the
first Monday of January following the next municipal election
more than ten months after the vacancy occurs or for the
remainder of the unexpired term whichever is less.

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Section 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted by the
Secretary of the Commonwealth to the qualified electors of the
State, at the primary, municipal, or general election next held
after the advertising requirements of Article XI, section 1 of
the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have been
satisfied.