
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY DWYER, FRAME, HESS, ZEMPRELLI, HOWARD, HILL AND
LEWIS, JUNE 30, 1975

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, JUNE 30, 1975

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania providing for filling vacancies in the office
3 of justice, judge or justice 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 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with
8 the provisions of the eleventh article thereof:

9 That subsection (b) of section thirteen of article five of
10 the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be amended
11 to read:

12 Section 13. Election of Justices, Judges and Justices of the
13 Peace; Vacancies.--* * *

14 (b) A vacancy in the office of justice, judge or justice of
15 the peace shall be filled by appointment by the Governor. The
16 appointment shall be with the advice and consent of two-thirds
17 of the members elected to the Senate, except in the case of
18 justices of the peace which shall be by a majority. The person

1 so appointed shall serve for [an initial] a term ending on the
2 first Monday of January following the next municipal election
3 more than ten months after the vacancy occurs or for the
4 remainder of the unexpired term whichever is less.

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