

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL**No. 240**Session of
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TELEK, FEBRUARY 11, 1985

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 11, 1985

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for absentee ballots.

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

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

7 That section 14 of Article VII be amended to read:

8 § 14. Absentee voting.

9 The Legislature shall, by general law, provide a manner in
10 which, and the time and place at which, qualified electors who
11 may, on the occurrence of any election, be absent from the State
12 or county of their residence, because their duties, occupation
13 or business require them to be elsewhere or who, on the
14 occurrence of any election, are unable to attend at their proper

1 polling places because of illness or physical disability or who
2 will not attend a polling place because of the observance of a
3 religious holiday or who cannot vote because of election day
4 duties, in the case of a county employee, may vote, and for the
5 return and canvass of their votes in the election district in
6 which they respectively reside.

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