

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL****No. 1865** Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY HERMAN, CLYMER, CLARK, ARGALL, VANCE, ROBINSON,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 26, 1995

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## A JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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 (a) The Legislature shall, by general law, provide a manner  
10 in which, and the time and place at which, qualified electors  
11 who may, on the occurrence of any election, be absent from the  
12 [State or county] municipality of their residence, because their  
13 duties, occupation or business require them to be elsewhere or  
14 who, on the occurrence of any election, are unable to attend at  
15 their proper polling places because of illness or physical  
16 disability or who will not attend a polling place because of the

1 observance of a religious holiday or who cannot vote because of  
2 election day duties, in the case of a county employee, may vote,  
3 and for the return and canvass of their votes in the election  
4 district in which they respectively reside.

5 (b) For purposes of this section, "municipality" means a  
6 city, borough, incorporated town, township or any similar  
7 general purpose unit of government which may be created by the  
8 General Assembly.

9 Section 2. Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of  
10 this proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the  
11 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the  
12 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the  
13 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required  
14 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such  
15 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of  
16 this proposed constitutional amendment.