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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. WILSON, KOLTER, IRVIS, D. S. HAYES AND  
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SENATOR SMITH, APPROPRIATIONS, IN SENATE, RE-REPORTED AS  
AMENDED, JUNE 9, 1980

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO INCREASE ←  
3 CERTAIN RETIREMENT BENEFITS OR PENSIONS AND further providing  
4 for the disposition of taxes on aviation fuel.

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

7 Section 1. The following ~~amendment~~ AMENDMENTS to the ←  
8 Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ~~is~~ ARE proposed ←  
9 in accordance with the provisions of Article XI thereof:

10 (1) THAT SECTION 26, ARTICLE III BE AMENDED TO READ: ←

11 § 26. EXTRA COMPENSATION PROHIBITED; CLAIMS AGAINST THE  
12 COMMONWEALTH; RETIREMENT BENEFITS OR PENSIONS.

13 NO BILL SHALL BE PASSED GIVING ANY EXTRA COMPENSATION TO ANY  
14 PUBLIC OFFICER, SERVANT, EMPLOYEE, AGENT OR CONTRACTOR, AFTER  
15 SERVICES SHALL HAVE BEEN RENDERED OR CONTRACT MADE, NOR  
16 PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF ANY CLAIM AGAINST THE COMMONWEALTH  
17 WITHOUT PREVIOUS AUTHORITY OF LAW: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT  
18 NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT THE

1 GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF RETIREMENT  
2 [ALLOWANCES] BENEFITS OR PENSIONS PAYABLE TO MEMBERS OR  
3 BENEFICIARIES WHO ARE SPOUSES OF MEMBERS OF A RETIREMENT OR  
4 PENSION SYSTEM NOW IN EFFECT OR HEREAFTER LEGALLY CONSTITUTED BY  
5 THE COMMONWEALTH, ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, AGENCIES OR  
6 INSTRUMENTALITIES, AFTER THE TERMINATION OF THE SERVICES OF SAID  
7 MEMBER.

8 (2) That section 11, Article VIII be amended to read: <—

9 § 11. Gasoline taxes and motor license fees restricted.

10 (a) All proceeds from gasoline and other motor fuel excise  
11 taxes, motor vehicle registration fees and license taxes,  
12 operators' license fees and other excise taxes imposed on  
13 products used in motor transportation after providing therefrom  
14 for (a) cost of administration and collection, (b) payment of  
15 obligations incurred in the construction and reconstruction of  
16 public highways and bridges shall be appropriated by the General  
17 Assembly to agencies of the State or political subdivisions  
18 thereof; and used solely for construction, reconstruction,  
19 maintenance and repair of and safety on public highways and  
20 bridges [and air navigation facilities] and costs and expenses  
21 incident thereto, and for the payment of obligations incurred  
22 for such purposes, and shall not be diverted by transfer or  
23 otherwise to any other purpose, except that loans may be made by  
24 the State from the proceeds of such taxes and fees for single  
25 period not exceeding eight months, but no such loan shall be  
26 made within the period of one year from any preceding loan, and  
27 every loan made in any fiscal year shall be repayable within one  
28 month after the beginning of the next fiscal year.

29 (b) All proceeds from aviation fuel excise taxes, after  
30 providing therefrom for the cost of administration and

1 collection, shall be appropriated by the General Assembly to  
2 agencies of the State or political subdivisions thereof and used  
3 solely for: the purchase, construction, reconstruction,  
4 operation, and maintenance of airports and other air navigation  
5 facilities; aircraft accident investigation; the operation,  
6 maintenance and other costs of aircraft owned or leased by the  
7 Commonwealth; any other purpose reasonably related to air  
8 navigation including but not limited to the reimbursement of  
9 airport property owners for property tax expenditures; and costs  
10 and expenses incident thereto and for the payment of obligations  
11 incurred for such purposes, and shall not be diverted by  
12 transfer or otherwise to any other purpose.

13 SECTION 2. THE AMENDMENTS PROPOSED IN CLAUSES (1) AND (2) OF <—  
14 SECTION 1 SHALL BE SUBMITTED SEPARATELY BY THE SECRETARY OF THE  
15 COMMONWEALTH TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE STATE AT THE  
16 PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION NEXT HELD AFTER THE ADVERTISING  
17 REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 1, ARTICLE XI HAVE BEEN SATISFIED.