A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the General Assembly to increase certain retirement benefits or pensions and further providing for the disposition of taxes on aviation fuel.

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING SPECIAL TAX PROVISIONS FOR TAXPAYERS IN CERTAIN AREAS.

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

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

(1) That section 26, Article III be amended to read:

§ 26. Extra compensation prohibited; claims against the Commonwealth; retirement benefits or pensions.

No bill shall be passed giving any extra compensation to any public officer, servant, employee, agent or contractor, after services shall have been rendered or contract made, nor providing for the payment of any claim against the Commonwealth.
without previous authority of law: Provided, however, That

nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to prohibit the

General Assembly from authorizing the increase of retirement

[allowances] benefits or pensions payable to members or

beneficiaries who are spouses of members of a retirement or

pension system now in effect or hereafter legally constituted by

the Commonwealth, its political subdivisions, agencies or

instrumentalities, after the termination of the services of said

member, provided such increases are certified to be actuarially

sound.

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

§ 11. Gasoline taxes and motor license fees restricted.

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

(b) All proceeds from aviation fuel excise taxes, after providing therefrom for the cost of administration and collection, shall be appropriated by the General Assembly to agencies of the State or political subdivisions thereof and used solely for: the purchase, construction, reconstruction, operation, and maintenance of airports and other air navigation facilities; aircraft accident investigation; the operation, maintenance and other costs of aircraft owned or leased by the Commonwealth; any other purpose reasonably related to air navigation including but not limited to the reimbursement of airport property owners for property tax expenditures; and costs and expenses incident thereto and for the payment of obligations incurred for such purposes, and shall not be diverted by transfer or otherwise to any other purpose.

Section 2. The amendments proposed in clauses (1) and (2) of section 1 shall be submitted separately by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the qualified electors of the State at the primary or general election next held after the advertising requirements of section 1, Article XI have been satisfied.

SECTION 1. THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA IS PROPOSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XI THEREOF:

THAT SUBSECTION (B) OF SECTION 2 OF ARTICLE VIII BE AMENDED BY ADDING A CLAUSE TO READ:

§ 2. EXEMPTIONS AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

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(B) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY, BY LAW:

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(V) ESTABLISH STANDARDS AND QUALIFICATIONS BY WHICH LOCAL
TAXING AUTHORITIES IN COUNTIES OF THE FIRST AND SECOND CLASS MAY MAKE UNIFORM SPECIAL REAL PROPERTY TAX PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO TAXPAYERS WHO ARE LONGTIME OWNER-OCCUPANTS AS SHALL BE DEFINED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF RESIDENCES IN AREAS WHERE REAL PROPERTY VALUES HAVE RISEN MARKEDLY AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE REFURBISHING OR RENOVATING OF OTHER DETERIORATING RESIDENCES OR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RESIDENCES.

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SECTION 2. THIS PROPOSED AMENDMENT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF PENNSYLVANIA AT THE GENERAL ELECTION NEXT HELD AFTER THE ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 1, ARTICLE XI, HAVE BEEN SATISFIED.