THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL No. 2762 Session of 2022

INTRODUCED BY KENYATTA, RABB, HOHENSTEIN, SCHLOSSBERG, KINSEY, WEBSTER, SANCHEZ, MADDEN, A. DAVIS, PARKER, DALEY AND KINKEAD, AUGUST 9, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, AUGUST 9, 2022

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 2 3 4	Proposing integrated amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for ineligibility by criminal convictions and for removal of civil officers.
5	The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6	hereby resolves as follows:
7	Section 1. The following integrated amendments to the
8	Constitution of Pennsylvania are proposed in accordance with
9	Article XI:
10	(1) That section 7 of Article II be amended to read:
11	§ 7. Ineligibility by criminal convictions.
12	No person hereafter convicted of embezzlement of public
13	moneys, bribery, perjury, seditious conspiracy against the
14	United States or other infamous crime, shall be eligible to the
15	General Assembly, or capable of holding any office of trust or
16	profit in this Commonwealth.
17	(2) That section 7 of Article VI be amended to read:
18	§ 7. Removal of civil officers.

1 All civil officers shall hold their offices on the condition 2 that they behave themselves well while in office, and shall be 3 removed on conviction of seditious conspiracy against the United States, misbehavior in office or of any infamous crime. 4 Appointed civil officers, other than judges of the courts of 5 record, may be removed at the pleasure of the power by which 6 they shall have been appointed. All civil officers elected by 7 8 the people, except the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, 9 members of the General Assembly and judges of the courts of 10 record, shall be removed by the Governor for reasonable cause, after due notice and full hearing, on the address of two-thirds 11 12 of the Senate.

Section 2. (a) 13 Upon the first passage by the General 14 Assembly of these proposed constitutional amendments, the 15 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to 16 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the 17 18 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in 19 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after 20 passage of these proposed constitutional amendments.

21 Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of these (b) 22 proposed constitutional amendments, the Secretary of the 23 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the 24 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the 25 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required 26 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of 27 28 these proposed constitutional amendments. The Secretary of the 29 Commonwealth shall submit the proposed constitutional amendments 30 under section 1 of this resolution to the qualified electors of

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this Commonwealth as a single ballot question at the first general election which meets the requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least three months after the proposed constitutional amendments are passed by the General Assembly.