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STEFANO, VOGEL AND YAW, JANUARY 6, 2023

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 6, 2023

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
of Pennsylvania, further providing for qualifications of  
electors.

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

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

That section 1 of Article VII be amended to read:

§ 1. Qualifications of electors.

(a) Every citizen 21 years of age, possessing the following  
qualifications, shall be entitled to vote at all elections  
subject, however, to such laws requiring and regulating the  
registration of electors as the General Assembly may enact.

1. He or she shall have been a citizen of the United States  
at least one month.

2. He or she shall have resided in the State 90 days

immediately preceding the election.

3. He or she shall have resided in the election district where he or she shall offer to vote at least 60 days immediately preceding the election, except that if qualified to vote in an election district prior to removal of residence, he or she may, if a resident of Pennsylvania, vote in the election district from which he or she removed his or her residence within 60 days preceding the election.

(b) In addition to the qualifications under subsection (a) of this section, a qualified elector shall provide a valid identification at each election in accordance with the following:

1. When voting in person, the qualified elector shall present a valid identification before receiving a ballot to vote in person.

2. When not voting in person, the qualified elector shall provide proof of a valid identification with his or her ballot.

(c) If a qualified elector does not possess a valid identification, he or she shall, upon request and confirmation of identity, be furnished with a government-issued identification at no cost to the qualified elector.

(d) For purposes of this section, the term "valid identification" means an unexpired government-issued identification, unless otherwise provided for by law.

Section 2. The following procedure applies to the proposed constitutional amendment in this joint resolution:

(1) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising

requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

(2) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall submit the amendment to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first primary, general or municipal election which meets the requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.