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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 761 Session of  
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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 16, 2017

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, in the Executive, further providing for  
3 Lieutenant Governor.

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

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

8 That section 4 of Article IV be amended to read:

9 § 4. Lieutenant Governor.

10 A Lieutenant Governor shall be chosen jointly with the  
11 Governor by the casting by each voter of a single vote  
12 applicable to both offices, for the same term, and subject to  
13 the same provisions as the Governor[; he]. The candidate of each  
14 political party for election to the office of Lieutenant  
15 Governor shall be selected by the candidate of that party  
16 nominated for election to the office of Governor and shall be  
17 approved by the State committee of that party. The selection of

1 the candidate for election to the office of Lieutenant Governor  
2 shall be made within 30 days following the nomination of the  
3 candidate for election to the office of Governor. A person may  
4 not seek election to both offices simultaneously. The Lieutenant  
5 Governor shall be President of the Senate. As such, [he] the  
6 Lieutenant Governor may vote in case of a tie on any question  
7 except the final passage of a bill or joint resolution, the  
8 adoption of a conference report or the concurrence in amendments  
9 made by the House of Representatives.

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

18 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this  
19 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the  
20 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the  
21 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the  
22 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required  
23 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such  
24 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of  
25 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the  
26 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment  
27 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first  
28 primary, general or municipal election which meets the  
29 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article  
30 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least

1 three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is  
2 passed by the General Assembly.