

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1234

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE COHEN

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 and 2, by striking out all of
2 said lines and inserting
3 Proposing integrated amendments to the Constitution of the
4 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for election
5 of members and for terms of members.

6 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 5 through 13; page 2, lines 1
7 through 30; page 3, line 1, by striking out all of said lines on
8 said pages and inserting

9 Section 1. The following integrated amendments to the
10 Constitution of Pennsylvania are proposed in accordance with
11 Article XI:

12 (1) That section 2 of Article II be amended to read:

13 § 2. Election of members; vacancies.

14 Members of the General Assembly shall be chosen at the
15 general election [every second year]. Their term of service
16 shall begin on the first day of December next after their
17 election. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in either House, the
18 presiding officer thereof shall issue a writ of election to fill
19 such vacancy for the remainder of the term.

20 (2) That section 3 of Article II be amended to read:

21 § 3. Terms of members.

22 [Senators] (a) Except as provided under subsection (b),
23 members shall be elected for the term of four years [and
24 Representatives for the term of two years].

25 (b) At the first general election after the adoption of the
26 amendment adding this subsection, members from odd-numbered
27 districts shall be elected for terms of two years.

28 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
29 Assembly of these proposed constitutional amendments, the
30 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to
31 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
32 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
33 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
34 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
35 passage of these proposed constitutional amendments.

1 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of these
2 proposed constitutional amendments, the Secretary of the
3 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the
4 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
5 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required
6 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such
7 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of
8 these proposed constitutional amendments. The Secretary of the
9 Commonwealth shall submit the proposed constitutional amendments
10 under section 1 of this resolution to the qualified electors of
11 this Commonwealth as a single ballot question at the first
12 primary, general or municipal election which meets the
13 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article
14 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least
15 three months after the proposed constitutional amendments are
16 passed by the General Assembly.