

No. 2-A.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to article nine section four of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the State to issue bonds to the amount of one hundred and fifty millions of dollars for the improvement of the highways of the Commonwealth.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby, proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:

That section four of article nine is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4. No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State except to supply casual deficiencies of revenues, repel invasions, suppress insurrection, defend the State in war, or to pay existing debt; and the debt created to supply deficiencies in revenue shall never exceed in the aggregate at any one time one million dollars: Provided, however, That the General Assembly, irrespective of any debt, may authorize the State to issue bonds to the amount of one hundred and fifty millions of dollars for the purpose of improving and rebuilding the highways of the Commonwealth.

THOMAS BLUETT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DAVID J. DAVIS,

President of the Senate.

No. 3-A.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by adding thereto an additional section.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the Constitution of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby, proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:

That article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be amended by adding thereto the following new section:

Section 16. The General Assembly may authorize the City of Pittsburgh to levy special assessments against both abutting and non-abutting property, peculiarly benefited, for the payment of any public improvement whatsoever; to lay out and build as additional public improvements, for the payment of which properties peculiarly benefited shall be liable to special assessments, rapid transit railway systems, drainage and sewerage systems, flood protective works, wharves, piers and quays, highway tunnels and bridges, and underground and overhead streets supplementing original streets or street systems; to levy general and special taxes and special assessments therefor either before or after the laying out and construction thereof; and to provide that all special taxes and special assessments so levied, whether payable presently when so levied or in installments over a period of years, shall be credits or offsets to indebtedness incurred for such purposes in calculating the debt of such city; to provide for the use and operation of any rapid transit system by private corporations organized for that purpose. No law passed in pursuance hereof shall authorize the construction of any rapid transit railway system, flood protective works, wharves, piers or quays, highway tunnels or underground or overhead streets, unless at a public election held therefor a majority of the electors voting thereon shall consent thereto.

DAVID J. DAVIS,
President of the Senate.

THOMAS BLUETT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

No. 4-A.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by adding thereto a section.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be,