

No. 10-A.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Be it resolved, 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 article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be amended by adding thereto the following section sixteen.

Section 16. The debt of any city of the second class shall never exceed ten per centum upon the assessed value of the taxable property therein, nor shall any such city of the second class incur any new debt or increase its indebtedness to an amount exceeding two per centum upon such assessed valuation of property without the consent of the electors thereof, at a public election, in such manner as shall be provided by law.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives April 15, 1925, and concurred in by the Senate April 15, 1925.

THOMAS H. GARVIN,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

W. P. GALLAGHER,
Chief Clerk of the Senate.

RESOLUTION NOT REQUIRING ACTION BY THE
GOVERNOR.

No. 1-B.

In the House of Representatives, February 3, 1925.

WHEREAS, By the provisions of the Administrative Code, the Executive Board was empowered to "standardize all titles, salaries and wages of persons employed by the administrative department, boards and commissions, except the Department of the Auditor General, the Treasury Department and the Department of Internal Affairs," and also to "establish different standards for different kinds, grades, and classes of similar work or service;" and

WHEREAS, The Administrative Code abolished all statutory offices, positions and salaries, except the salaries of heads of the several administrative departments; and

WHEREAS, The Governor, in his message to the General Assembly, made the following statement:

"One of the most important and valuable achievements of the Executive Board was the reclassification of the positions and salaries of all State employes. When this administration came into office many employes were notoriously overpaid, many were underpaid, while of two employes performing precisely the same work one was sometimes paid twice as much as the other.

"As a result of the classification, and of better methods of administration in the various departments, the salary roll of the Harrisburg appointive departments paid from the General Fund has been reduced by about \$1,750,000 for this as compared with the previous biennium, while in spite of this reduction in cost, the amount and quality of work done have both been increased;" and

WHEREAS, It has been stated by reliable authority that the salary list of persons in the employ of the Commonwealth, other than in the elected departments, has been increased during the last fiscal biennium four million five hundred thousand dollars; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth respectfully requests the Governor of the Commonwealth to furnish it with a copy of the minutes of the Executive Board and any other data, schedules, and classifications prepared for and adopted by the Executive Board which will enable the House of Representatives to ascertain what effect said actions and rulings of the Executive Board have had upon the salary list of the Commonwealth.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the House of Representatives February 3rd, 1925.

THOMAS H. GARVIN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

No. 2-B.

In the House of Representatives, February 16, 1925.

WHEREAS, His Excellency, The Governor of the Commonwealth has, by message of February sixteenth, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, advised the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly of his desire to address the Members thereof in joint session on Tuesday, February seventeenth, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, at twelve o'clock noon; therefore, be it

RESOLVED (if the Senate concur), That the Senators and Members of the House of Representatives are pleased to comply with the request of His Excellency, and will meet in joint session for that purpose at the time requested in said message; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a committee of two Senators to be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate and two Members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall wait upon the Governor and advise him of the passage of this Resolution and of their readiness to hear any message he may desire to deliver.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives and concurred in by the Senate February 16th, 1925.

THOMAS H. GARVIN,
Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

W. P. GALLAGHER,
Chief Clerk of the Senate.

 No. 3-B.

In the Senate, February 9, 1925.

WHEREAS, By reason of his conscientious labor in assisting in the work of the General Assembly, John H. Fertig, the Assistant Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, has suffered a breakdown in health and is now in a much weakened physical condition, but persists in giving his time and strength to the discharge of his duties at the risk of permanently impairing his health; therefore, be it

RESOLVED (if the House of Representatives concur), That a leave of absence of two weeks, to commence immediately upon the adoption of this Resolu-

tion, be granted by the General Assembly to John H. Fertig, Esq., Assistant Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, in order to give him an opportunity to regain his health.

W. P. GALLAGHER,
Chief Clerk of the Senate.

The foregoing resolution was concurred in by the House of Representatives, February 9, 1925.

THOMAS H. GARVIN,
Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

No. 4-B.

In the Senate, March 25, 1925.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Disapproving the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the labor of persons under eighteen years of age.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing as follows:

“Section 1. The Congress shall have power to limit, regulate, and prohibit the labor of persons under eighteen years of age.

“Section 2. The power of the several States is unimpaired by this article, except that the operation of State laws shall be suspended to the extent necessary to give effect to legislation enacted by the Congress,” is hereby rejected and not ratified by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Be it Further Resolved, That a certified copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of State for the United States, in accordance with section two hundred and five of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and also to the President of the United States Senate and the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

DAVID J. DAVIS,
President of the Senate.

THOMAS BLUETT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.