

No. 7

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to article four, sections four and eight of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for the election of the Attorney General.

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

Section 1. The following amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are proposed in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof:

That sections four and eight of article four of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be amended to read:

Section 4. A Lieutenant Governor and an Attorney General shall be chosen at the same time, in the same manner, for the same term, and subject to the same provisions as the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor shall be president of the Senate, but shall have no vote unless they be equally divided.

Section 8. He shall nominate and, by and with the advice and consent of two-thirds of all the members of the Senate, appoint a Secretary of the Commonwealth and a Superintendent of Public Instruction for four years, and such other officers of the Commonwealth as he is or may be authorized by the Constitution or by law to appoint; he shall have power to fill all vacancies that may happen, in offices to which he may appoint, during the recess of the Senate, by granting commissions which shall expire at the end of their next session; he shall have power to fill any vacancy that may happen, during the recess of the Senate, in the office of Auditor General, State Treasurer, Secretary of Internal Affairs or Superintendent of Public Instruction, in a judicial office, or in any other elective office which he is or may be authorized to fill; if the vacancy shall happen during the session of the Senate, the Governor shall nominate to the Senate, before their final adjournment, a proper person to fill said vacancy; but in any such case of vacancy, in an elective office, a person shall be chosen to said office on the next election day appropriate to such office according to the provisions of this Constitution, unless the vacancy shall happen within two calendar months immediately preceding such election day, in which case the election for said office shall be held on the second succeeding election day appropriate to such office. In acting on executive nominations, the Senate shall sit with open doors, and, in confirming or rejecting the nomination of the Governor, the vote shall be taken by yeas and nays and shall be entered on the journal.