

(These Joint Resolutions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were passed for the first time at the Legislative Session of 1966.)

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

SB 1

Proposing an amendment to article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the Commonwealth to create a debt and issue bonds for a fund to be used for the conservation and reclamation of land and water resources of the Commonwealth.

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

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

That article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be amended by adding at the end thereof a new section to read:

Section 25. In addition to the purposes stated in article nine, section four of this Constitution, the Commonwealth may be authorized by law to create a debt and issue bonds in the amount of five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) for a Land and Water Conservation and Reclamation Fund to be used for the conservation and reclamation of land and water resources of the Commonwealth, including the elimination of acid mine drainage, sewage, and other pollution from the streams of the Commonwealth, the provision of State financial assistance to political subdivisions and municipal authorities of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the construction of sewage treatment plants, the restoration of abandoned strip-mined areas, the control and extinguishment of surface and underground mine fires, the alleviation and prevention of subsidence resulting from mining operations, and the acquisition of additional lands and the reclamation and development of park and recreational lands acquired pursuant to the authority of article nine, section twenty-four of this Constitution, subject to such conditions and liabilities as the General Assembly may prescribe.