

(This Joint Resolution No. 2 was passed for the first time at the Legislative Session of 1975 and approved by the electorate on November 4, 1975.)

A JOINT RESOLUTION

HB 1762

Proposing an emergency Constitutional amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania granting the General Assembly the power to enact special laws to aid certain individuals, corporations, associations, institutions or nonpublic schools adversely affected by conditions caused by certain storms or floods.

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

Section 1. Many Pennsylvanians have suffered greatly from the ravages of great storms or floods in the last few years. The great storms or floods of 1974 and 1975 are additional major disasters causing loss of life and great damage and destruction to property of individuals, industrial and commercial establishments and public facilities.

It is imperative that the victims of these disasters immediately receive the fullest possible aid from both the public and private sectors in order to clean up and rebuild the affected areas of the Commonwealth and that persons in the Commonwealth be eligible for the maximum available aid from the government of the United States.

The General Assembly desires to alleviate such storm or economic deprivation caused by the floods but is limited in its efforts by rigid restrictions in the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The safety and welfare of the Commonwealth requires prompt amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The following amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with the emergency provisions contained in subsections (a) and (b) of section one of the eleventh article thereof:

That section seventeen of article eight of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be amended to read:

Section 17. **Special Emergency Legislation.**—Notwithstanding any provisions of this Constitution to the contrary, the General Assembly shall have the authority to enact laws providing for tax rebates, credits, exemptions, grants-in-aid, State supplementations, or otherwise provide special provisions for individuals, corporations, associations or nonprofit institutions, including nonpublic schools (whether sectarian or nonsectarian) in order to alleviate the danger, damage, suffering or hardship faced by such individuals, corporations, associations, institutions or nonpublic schools as a result of Great [**Storm or Flood**] **Storms or Floods** of September 1971, [**or**] of June, 1972 **or of 1974, or of 1975.**

Section 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the qualified electors of the State at the municipal election to be held on November 4, 1975, after the advertising requirements of subsection (a) of section one of article eleven of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have been satisfied.

