

That article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:—

Section 4A. Notwithstanding any limitation hereinbefore provided, the General Assembly, irrespective of any debt, may authorize the State to issue bonds to the amount of fifty millions of dollars for the purpose of erecting, constructing, and maintaining flood control works and improvements including the cost of the acquisition of property necessary therefor, and for watershed protection.

ROY E. FURMAN

Speaker of the House of Representatives

HARVEY HUFFMAN

President pro tempore of the Senate

No. 3-B

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to article fourteen of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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 article fourteen of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is hereby amended to read as follows:—

Section 1. A new county shall not be created except by the consolidation of two or more existing counties. An existing county may be abolished and its territory annexed to one or more contiguous counties. The General Assembly shall by law provide for the consolidation and abolition of counties; but no existing county shall be consolidated with another and no county shall be abolished without the consent of the electors thereof.

Section 2. Counties shall be administered under such system of government and by such officers, except as in this article otherwise provided, as the General Assembly may by law provide. Optional systems of government may be provided for by the General Assembly, to become effective in a county only when accepted by the electors thereof.

Section 3. Three county commissioners shall be elected in each county in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine and every fourth year thereafter. In the election of such officers, each elector shall vote for no more than two persons, and the three persons receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. Any vacancy happening in the office of county commissioner shall be filled for the unexpired term by the court of common pleas of the county, by the appointment of an elector of the county who is a member of the same political party as was the person whose place is to be filled. In each county there shall also be elected a controller, a sheriff, and a district

attorney. District attorneys, sheriffs, and controllers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Vacancies in such offices shall be filled as may be provided by law. All other county officers shall be provided for by law, and shall be elected or appointed as the General Assembly may by law provide.

Section 4. The terms of elected county officers shall be four years, commencing on the first Monday of January next after their election.

Section 5. All officers and persons employed in the county government shall be paid by salary or stated compensation. Such officers or persons shall not receive for their own use any fees, commissions or mileage for the performance of any service. All fees, commissions, and mileage, from whatever source derived, received and collected by any county officer, shall be paid into the State or county treasury, as may be provided by law. The provisions of this section shall not be construed however to apply to aldermen, justices of the peace or constables.

Section 6. The General Assembly shall provide by law for the strict accountability of all county, township, and borough officers, as well for the fees, commissions, and mileage which may be collected by them as for all public or municipal moneys which may be paid to them.

ROY E. FURMAN

Speaker of the House of Representatives

THOMAS KENNEDY

President of the Senate

No. 4-B

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to section one, article nine, of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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 one, article nine, of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is hereby amended to read as follows:—

Section 1. All property taxes shall be uniform upon the same class of subjects within the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax, and shall be levied and collected under general laws; but the General Assembly, may by general laws, exempt from taxation public property used for public purposes, actual places of religious worship, places of burial not used or held for private or corporate profit, institutions of purely public charity and real and personal property owned, occupied, and used by any branch, post or camp of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, and marines.