

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution introduced in the House of Representatives by the Honorable Albert S. Readinger and adopted by the House of Representatives the twenty-second day of May, one thousand nine hundred fifty-six and concurred in by the Senate the twenty-second day of May, one thousand nine hundred fifty-six.

RESOLUTIONS
PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE COMMONWEALTH

(This resolution was passed for the first time at the Legislative Session of 1953 and for the second time at the Legislative Session of 1955.)

No. 1

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to section eleven, article three of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by providing that the Legislature may authorize increases in retirement allowances or pensions of employes who are members of a retirement or pension system now or hereafter enacted by the Commonwealth, its political subdivisions, agencies or instrumentalities.

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 be and the same is hereby proposed in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:

That section eleven of article three is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 11. No bill shall be passed giving any extra compensation to any public officer, servant, employe, agent or contractor, after services shall have been rendered or contract made, nor providing for the payment of any claim against the Commonwealth without previous authority of law: Provided, however, That nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to prohibit the General Assembly from authorizing the increase of retirement allowances or pensions of members of a retirement or pension system now in effect or hereafter legally constituted by the Commonwealth, its political subdivisions, agencies or instrumentalities, after the termination of the services of said member.

(These resolutions were passed for the first time at the Legislative Session of 1955.)

No. 2

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to article eight of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, enabling the Legislature to enact legislation providing for absentee voting.

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 eight be amended by adding, at the end thereof, a new section to read:

Section 19. The Legislature may, by general law, provide a manner in which, and the time and place at which, qualified voters who may, on the occurrence of any election, be unavoidably absent from the State or county of their residence because their duties, occupation or business require them to be elsewhere or who, on the occurrence of any election, are unable to attend at their proper polling places because of illness or physical disability, may vote, and for the return and canvass of their votes in the election district in which they respectively reside.

No. 3

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to section one, article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, making special provision for the taxation of private forest reserves.

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 section one, article nine of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is amended to read:

Section 1. All 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, and 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; and the General Assembly may, by general laws, set up standards and qualifications for private forest reserves, and make special provision for the taxation thereof.

Section 2. This proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State at the general election held in November, one thousand nine hundred fifty-eight.

* "place" in original.