

IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Governor's Office  
HARRISBURG

PROCLAMATION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—ARTICLE III

WHEREAS, Joint Resolution No. 4 of the 1971 Session of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania proposed to amend Article III of the Constitution of Pennsylvania by permitting the salary or emoluments during the term of a county officer to be increased or decreased only in the event a change in county classification requires it, the said amended section to read as follows:

“Section 27. Changes in Term of Office or Salary Prohibited.—No law shall extend the term of any public officer, or increase or diminish his salary or emoluments, after his election or appointment: Provided, however, That upon a change in classification of a county during the term of office of a county officer his salary or emoluments shall automatically be increased or decreased to conform to the change in classification”; and

WHEREAS, The said Joint Resolution was passed by two successive General Assemblies of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, The aforesaid proposed constitutional amendment was submitted for approval by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth at an election held on May 18, 1971; and

WHEREAS, The Secretary of the Commonwealth has certified to me that the aforesaid proposed constitutional amendment was not approved by the electorate on the aforesaid day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Milton J. Shapp, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do proclaim and pronounce that the aforesaid constitutional amendment was not adopted by a majority of the electors voting thereon on May 18, 1971.

GIVEN under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the City of Harrisburg, this twelfth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-one, and of the Commonwealth the one hundred and ninety-sixth.

Handwritten signature of Milton J. Shapp in black ink.

BY THE GOVERNOR:

MILTON J. SHAPP  
GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Barton A. Fields in black ink.

Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth

## No. 4

## A JOINT RESOLUTION

HB 127

Proposing an amendment to Article III, section 27 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania providing for a change in salary of county officers when there is a change of classification of the county.

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 eleventh article thereof:

That section 27, Article III of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be amended to read:

Section 27. *Changes in Term of Office or Salary Prohibited.* —No law shall extend the term of any public officer, or increase or diminish his salary or emoluments, after his election or appointment: *Provided, however, That upon a change in classification of a county during the term of office of a county officer his salary or emoluments shall automatically be increased or decreased to conform to the change in classification.*

Section 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the qualified electors of the State, at the primary election next held after the advertising requirements of article eleven, section one of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have been satisfied.

(This Joint Resolution was passed for the first time at the Legislative Session of 1970 as Joint Resolution No. 3.)