

That section four, article two of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4. Upon adoption of this amendment, the General Assembly shall meet at twelve o'clock noon, on the first Tuesday of January of the year following such adoption and shall meet at such time annually thereafter, and at other times when convened by the Governor. At regular sessions convening in even-numbered years, the General Assembly shall not enact any laws except laws raising revenue, laws making appropriations and laws pertaining to subjects designated by proclamation of the Governor prior to the first Tuesday of January.

(These resolutions were passed for the first time at the Legislative Session of 1951 and for the second time at the Legislative Session of 1953.)

No. 4

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 hereby proposed in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:

Section one of article nine is hereby amended to read as follows:

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.

No. 5

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to section eight, article five of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County to detail one or more of the judges of the County Court to hold the courts of oyer and terminer and the courts of quarter sessions of the peace of said 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 be and the same is hereby proposed in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:

That section eight, article five of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 8. The said courts in the counties of Philadelphia and Allegheny, respectively, shall, from time to time, in turn detail one or more of their judges and in the case of the courts of Allegheny County may also detail one or more of the judges of the County Court to hold the courts of Oyer and Terminer and the courts of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of said counties, in such manner as may be directed by law.

(These resolutions were passed for the first time at the Legislative Session of 1953.)

No. 6

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to article nine, section one of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, by authorizing certain tax exemptions for persons on relief and certain aged persons.

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

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 may exempt all persons on relief, all persons over sixty years of age receiving social security or pension benefits, and all persons over sixty-five years of age, from per capita taxes and any taxes on persons or occupations.

No. 7

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to section twelve, article three of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for the purchasing of stated commodities in such manner as may be prescribed by law, and authorizing use of an escalation clause.