

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
HARRISBURG

PROCLAMATION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - ARTICLE VIII

WHEREAS, Joint Resolution No. 1 of the 1977 session of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania (House Bill No. 144, Printer's No. 1769) proposed to amend Article VIII, Section 2(c) of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, so that, in certain cases, totally and permanently disabled veterans of any war or armed conflict in which the United States was engaged, shall be exempt from the payment of real property taxes, the said amended section was to read as follows:

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TAXATION AND FINANCE

§ 2. Exemptions and special provisions.

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(c) Citizens and residents of this Commonwealth, who served in any war or armed conflict in which the United States was engaged and were honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active service, shall be exempt from the payment of all real property taxes upon the residence occupied by the said citizens and residents of this Commonwealth imposed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any of its political subdivisions if, as a result of military service, they are blind, paraplegic or double or quadruple amputees or have a service-connected disability declared by the United States Veterans' Administration or its successor to be a total or 100% permanent disability, and if the State Veterans' Commission determines that such persons are in need of the tax exemptions granted herein.

WHEREAS, The said Joint Resolution was passed, pursuant to Article XI, Section 1 of said Constitution, by the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, and

WHEREAS, The aforesaid Constitutional Amendment was submitted for approval to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at an election held on November 8, 1977, and

WHEREAS, The Secretary of the Commonwealth has certified to me that the aforesaid proposed Constitutional Amendment was 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 adopted, on November 8, 1977, by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

GIVEN under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-second day of February, in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventy-eight and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and second.

MILTON J. SHAPP
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

BARTON A. FIELDS
Secretary of the Commonwealth

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WHEREAS, Joint Resolution No. 2 of the 1977 session of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania (House Bill No. 304, Printer's No. 1861) proposed to amend Article VIII, Section 17 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, so that the General Assembly may enact special emergency legislation as a result of Great Storms or Floods of 1976, and when Federal emergency or disaster assistance is available, retroactive to 1976, the said amended section was to read as follows:

ARTICLE VIII
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§ 17. Special emergency legislation.

(a) 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 Storms or Floods of September 1971, of June, 1972 or of 1974, or of 1975 or of 1976.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article III, section 29 subsequent to a Presidential declaration of an emergency or of a major disaster in any part of this Commonwealth, the General Assembly shall have the authority by a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each House to make appropriations limited to moneys required for Federal emergency or major disaster relief. This subsection may apply retroactively to any Presidential declaration of an emergency or of a major disaster in 1976 or 1977.

WHEREAS, The said Joint Resolution was passed, pursuant to Article XI, Section 1(a) of said Constitution, by the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, and

WHEREAS, The aforesaid Constitutional Amendment was submitted for approval to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at an election held on November 8, 1977, and

WHEREAS, The Secretary of the Commonwealth has certified to me that the aforesaid proposed Constitutional Amendment was 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 adopted, on November 8, 1977, by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

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