

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
HARRISBURG

PROCLAMATION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - ARTICLE VII

WHEREAS, Joint Resolution No.1 of the 1985 Session of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania (House Bill No.240, Printer's No.257) proposed to amend Article VII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania by amending section 14 thereof to permit the use of absentee ballots by persons unable to vote because of the observance of a religious holiday and by county employees unable to vote because of election day duties, the said amended section to read as follows:

§ 14. Absentee voting.

The Legislature shall, by general law, provide a manner in which, and the time and place at which, qualified electors who may, on the occurrence of any election, be 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 or who will not attend a polling place because of the observance of a religious holiday or who cannot vote because of election day duties, in the case of a county employee, may vote, and for the return and canvass of their votes in the election district in which they respectively reside.

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 November 5, 1985; 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, Dick Thornburgh, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pursuant to 1 Pa.C.S. § 903, do proclaim and pronounce that the aforesaid Constitutional Amendment was adopted by a majority of the electorate voting thereon on November 5, 1985.

GIVEN under my hand and the Great Seal of the Commonwealth this twenty-seventh day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-six, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and tenth.

DICK THORNBURGH
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

ROBERT A. GLEASON, JR.
Secretary of the Commonwealth

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PROCLAMATION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - ARTICLE VIII

WHEREAS, Joint Resolution No.2 of the 1985 Session of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania (Senate Bill No.680, Printer's No.775) proposed to amend Article VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania by amending section 2(c) thereof to extend the current real estate tax exemption for disabled veterans to the unmarried surviving spouse of eligible veterans, the said amended section to read as follows:

§ 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. This exemption shall be extended to the unmarried surviving spouse upon the death of an eligible veteran provided that the State Veterans' Commission determines that such person is in need of the exemption.

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 November 5, 1985; 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, Dick Thornburgh, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pursuant to 1 Pa.C.S. § 903, do proclaim and pronounce that the aforesaid Constitutional Amendment was adopted by a majority of the electorate voting thereon on November 5, 1985.

GIVEN under my hand and the Great Seal of the Commonwealth this twenty-seventh day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-six, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and tenth.

DICK THORNBURGH
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

ROBERT A. GLEASON, JR.
Secretary of the Commonwealth