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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing integrated amendments to the Constitution of the
2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and further providing for
3 Legislative Reapportionment.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby resolves as follows:

6 Section 1. The following integrated amendments to the
7 Constitution of Pennsylvania are proposed in accordance with
8 Article XI:

9 That section 17 of Article II be amended to read:

10 § 17. Citizens Legislative Reapportionment Commission.

11 (a) In each year following the year of the Federal decennial
12 census, a Citizens Legislative Reapportionment Commission shall
13 be constituted for the purpose of reapportioning the
14 Commonwealth. The advisory commission shall act by a majority of
15 its entire membership.

16 (b) The advisory commission shall consist of [five] fourteen
17 members[: four of whom shall be the majority and minority

1 leaders of both the Senate and the House of Representatives, or
2 deputies appointed by each of them, and a chairman selected as
3 hereinafter provided. No later than 60 days following the
4 official reporting of the Federal decennial census as required
5 by Federal law, the four members shall be certified by the
6 President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House
7 of Representatives to the elections officer of the Commonwealth
8 who under law shall have supervision over elections.] five of
9 whom shall be registered with the largest political party in
10 this Commonwealth based on registration, five of whom shall be
11 registered with the second largest political party in this
12 Commonwealth based on registration, and four of whom shall not
13 be registered with either of the two largest political parties
14 in this Commonwealth based on registration.

15 (1) By January 1, 2020, and in each year of a Federal
16 decennial census thereafter, the Secretary of the Commonwealth
17 shall initiate an application open to all qualified electors in
18 this Commonwealth.

19 (2) The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall disqualify an
20 applicant if the applicant or a member of the applicant's
21 immediate family, within the 10 years immediately preceding the
22 date of application, was:

23 (i) Appointed to, elected to or served as a candidate for
24 Federal or State office.

25 (ii) Served as an officer, employee or paid consultant of a
26 political party or of a campaign committee of a candidate for
27 elective Federal or State office.

28 (iii) Served as an elected or appointed member of a
29 political party committee.

30 (iv) Served as a registered Federal or State lobbyist.

1 (v) Served as paid congressional, legislative or local
2 government staff.

3 (vi) Employed as staff or a consultant to, a person under a
4 contract with, or any person with an immediate family
5 relationship with the Governor, a member of the General
6 Assembly, a member of Congress or a member of the judiciary.

7 (b.1) No later than 60 days after initiating the application
8 process, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall establish an
9 Applicant Review Panel, consisting of the following members:

10 (1) The Auditor General of the Commonwealth or a designee.

11 (2) The Attorney General of the Commonwealth or a designee.

12 (3) Four legislative appointees who are not current or past
13 members of the General Assembly or staff of a member of the
14 General Assembly, appointed as follows:

15 (i) One individual appointed by the President pro tempore of
16 the Senate.

17 (ii) One individual appointed by the Minority Leader of the
18 Senate.

19 (iii) One individual appointed by the Speaker of the House
20 of Representatives.

21 (iv) One individual appointed by the Minority Leader of the
22 House of Representatives.

23 (b.2) The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall, no later than
24 August 1, 2020, and in each year of a Federal decennial census
25 thereafter, publish the names of the applicants not disqualified
26 under subsection (b) (2), which shall constitute the applicant
27 pool, in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and provide copies of their
28 applications to the Applicant Review Panel.

29 (b.3) (1) From the applicant pool, the Applicant Review
30 Panel shall select 60 of the most qualified applicants,

1 consisting of 20 who are registered with the largest political
2 party in this Commonwealth based on registration, 20 who are
3 registered with the second largest political party in this
4 Commonwealth based on registration and 20 who are not registered
5 with either of the two largest political parties in this
6 Commonwealth based on registration. The applicants in the
7 subpools shall be selected on the basis of their relevant
8 analytical skills and ability to be impartial and appreciation
9 for this Commonwealth's diverse demographics and geography.

10 (2) The members of the panel shall not communicate with any
11 Senator, Representative, member of Congress or their
12 representatives or staff, about any matter related to the
13 nomination process or applicants prior to the presentation by
14 the panel of the pool of recommended applicants to the Secretary
15 of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of
16 Representatives.

17 (b.4) No later than October 1, 2020, and in each year of a
18 Federal decennial census thereafter, the Applicant Review Panel
19 shall present its pool of recommended applicants to the
20 Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of
21 Representatives. No later than November 15, 2020, and in each
22 year of a Federal decennial census thereafter, the President pro
23 tempore of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the
24 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Minority Leader
25 of the House of Representatives may veto no more than two
26 applicants from each subpool of 20 for a total of eight possible
27 removals per subpool. After the legislative leaders have
28 exercised their veto, the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief
29 Clerk of the House of Representatives shall jointly present the
30 pool of remaining names to the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

1 (b.5) No later than November 20, 2020, and in each year of a
2 Federal decennial census thereafter, the Secretary of the
3 Commonwealth shall randomly draw eight names from the remaining
4 pool of applicants as follows:

5 (1) Three from the remaining subpool of applicants
6 registered with the largest political party in this Commonwealth
7 based on registration.

8 (2) Three from the remaining subpool of applicants
9 registered with the second largest political party in this
10 Commonwealth based on registration.

11 (3) Two from the remaining subpool of applicants who are not
12 registered with either of the two largest political parties in
13 this Commonwealth based on registration. These eight individuals
14 shall serve on the Citizens Legislative Reapportionment
15 Commission.

16 (b.6) No later than December 31, 2020, and in each year of a
17 Federal decennial census thereafter, the eight commissioners
18 selected under subsection (b.5) shall review the remaining names
19 in the pool of applicants and appoint six applicants to the
20 advisory commission as follows:

21 (1) Two from the remaining subpool of applicants registered
22 with the largest political party in this Commonwealth based on
23 registration.

24 (2) Two from the remaining subpool of applicants registered
25 with the second largest political party in this Commonwealth
26 based on registration.

27 (3) Two from the remaining subpool of applicants who are not
28 registered with either of the two largest political parties in
29 this Commonwealth based on registration. The six appointees must
30 be approved by at least five affirmative votes that must include

1 at least two votes of commissioners registered from each of the
2 two largest parties and one vote from a commissioner who is not
3 affiliated with either of the two largest political parties in
4 this Commonwealth. The six appointees shall be chosen to ensure
5 the advisory commission reflects this Commonwealth's diversity,
6 including, but not limited to, racial, ethnic, geographic and
7 gender diversity, but it is not intended that formulas or
8 specific ratios be applied for this purpose. Applicants shall
9 also be chosen based on their relevant analytical skills and
10 ability to be impartial.

11 [The four members within] (b.7) Within 45 days after their
12 certification [shall select the fifth member, who] fourteen
13 members shall select an individual from the advisory commission
14 to serve as chairman [of the commission], and shall immediately
15 certify his name to [such elections officer] the Secretary of
16 the Commonwealth. [The chairman shall be a citizen of the
17 Commonwealth other than a local, State or Federal official
18 holding an office to which compensation is attached.]

19 If the [four] fourteen members fail to select [the fifth
20 member] a chairman within the time prescribed, a majority of the
21 entire membership of the Supreme Court within 30 days thereafter
22 shall appoint the chairman as aforesaid and certify his
23 appointment to [such elections officer] the Secretary of the
24 Commonwealth.

25 Any vacancy in the advisory commission shall be filled within
26 15 days [in the same manner in which such position was
27 originally filled] by the remaining members of the advisory
28 commission from the final subpool of candidates from the same
29 political party as the departing member.

30 (c) No later than 90 days after either the advisory

1 commission has been duly certified or the population data for
2 the Commonwealth as determined by the Federal decennial census
3 are available, whichever is later in time, the advisory
4 commission shall [file a preliminary reapportionment plan with
5 such elections officer] perform such duties as specified in this
6 section for the purpose of reapportioning the Commonwealth.

7 [The commission shall have 30 days after filing the
8 preliminary plan to make corrections in the plan.

9 Any person aggrieved by the preliminary plan shall have the
10 same 30-day period to file exceptions with the commission in
11 which case the commission shall have 30 days after the date the
12 exceptions were filed to prepare and file with such elections
13 officer a revised reapportionment plan. If no exceptions are
14 filed within 30 days, or if filed and acted upon, the
15 commissions's plan shall be final and have the force of law.

16 (d) Any aggrieved person may file an appeal from the final
17 plan directly to the Supreme Court within 30 days after the
18 filing thereof. If the appellant establishes that the final plan
19 is contrary to law, the Supreme Court shall issue an order
20 remanding the plan to the commission and directing the
21 commission to reapportion the Commonwealth in a manner not
22 inconsistent with such order.

23 (e) When the Supreme Court has finally decided an appeal or
24 when the last day for filing an appeal has passed with no appeal
25 taken, the reapportionment plan shall have the force of law and
26 the districts therein provided shall be used thereafter in
27 elections to the General Assembly until the next reapportionment
28 as required under this section 17.

29 (f) Any district which does not include the residence from
30 which a member of the Senate was elected whether or not

1 scheduled for election at the next general election shall elect
2 a Senator at such election.

3 (g) The General Assembly shall appropriate sufficient funds
4 for the compensation and expenses of members and staff appointed
5 by the commission, and other necessary expenses. The members of
6 the commission shall be entitled to such compensation for their
7 services as the General Assembly from time to time shall
8 determine, but no part thereof shall be paid until a preliminary
9 plan is filed. If a preliminary plan is filed but the commission
10 fails to file a revised or final plan within the time
11 prescribed, the commission members shall forfeit all right to
12 compensation not paid.

13 (h) If a preliminary, revised or final reapportionment plan
14 is not filed by the commission within the time prescribed by
15 this section, unless the time be extended by the Supreme Court
16 for cause shown, the Supreme Court shall immediately proceed on
17 its own motion to reapportion the Commonwealth.

18 (i) Any reapportionment plan filed by the commission, or
19 ordered or prepared by the Supreme Court upon the failure of the
20 commission to act, shall be published by the elections officer
21 once in at least one newspaper of general circulation in each
22 senatorial and representative district. The publication shall
23 contain a map of the Commonwealth showing the complete
24 reapportionment of the General Assembly by districts, and a map
25 showing the reapportionment districts in the area normally
26 served by the newspaper in which the publication is made. The
27 publication shall also state the population of the senatorial
28 and representative districts having the smallest and largest
29 population and the percentage variation of such districts from
30 the average population for senatorial and representative

1 districts.]

2 (j) Unless otherwise directed by court order, legislative
3 and congressional redistricting shall only be permitted once in
4 the decade following the Federal decennial census.

5 (k) (1) The commission shall acquire appropriate
6 information, review and evaluate available facilities and
7 develop programs and procedures in preparation for drawing
8 congressional and legislative redistricting plans on the basis
9 of each Federal census.

10 (2) As soon as possible after January 1 of each year ending
11 in one, the commission shall obtain from the United States
12 Bureau of the Census information regarding geographic and
13 political units in this Commonwealth for which Federal census
14 population data has been gathered and will be tabulated. The
15 commission shall use the data obtained for all of the following:

16 (i) To describe geographic and political units for which
17 census data will be reported and which are suitable for use as
18 components of legislative districts.

19 (ii) To prepare maps of counties, cities, incorporated
20 boroughs, towns, boroughs, townships, wards and other geographic
21 units within this Commonwealth, which may be used to illustrate
22 the locations of legislative district boundaries proposed in
23 plans drawn in accordance with subsection (d).

24 (iii) To utilize the population data needed for legislative
25 districting which the Census Bureau is required to provide this
26 Commonwealth under 13 U.S.C. § 141 (relating to population and
27 other census information) to assign a population number based
28 upon census data to each geographic or political unit described
29 pursuant to subparagraph (i). Upon completing that task, the
30 commission shall begin the preparation of congressional and

1 legislative districting plans as required by subsection (c).

2 (3) All information collected under this section shall be
3 posted for public inspection on the commission's Internet
4 website as soon as it is available.

5 (1) (1) Not later than February 15 of each year ending in
6 one, a five-member temporary redistricting advisory commission
7 shall be established as provided under subsection (e). The
8 advisory commission's only functions shall be those prescribed
9 under subsection (f). All advisory commission meetings shall be
10 advertised and open to the public. All communications between
11 the commission and the advisory commission regarding a plan
12 shall be in writing and part of the public record.

13 (2) Not later than April 1 of each year ending in one, the
14 commission shall deliver to the advisory commission a
15 preliminary plan of legislative and congressional districting
16 prepared in accordance with subsection (d).

17 (3) Upon receipt of the preliminary plan the advisory
18 commission shall:

19 (i) As expeditiously as reasonably possible but no later
20 than 30 days after receiving the preliminary plan, schedule and
21 conduct at least five public hearings on the plan in different
22 geographic regions of this Commonwealth.

23 (ii) Within 10 days following completion of the hearings,
24 promptly prepare and submit to the Secretary of the Senate, the
25 Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and the commission a
26 report summarizing information and testimony received by the
27 commission in the course of the hearings. The advisory
28 commission's report shall include any comments and conclusions
29 which its members deem appropriate on the information and
30 testimony received at the hearings or otherwise presented to the

1 commission and shall be posted for public inspection on the
2 advisory commission's Internet website.

3 (iii) The commission shall have 30 days after receiving the
4 advisory commission report to prepare a revised plan of
5 legislative and congressional districting prepared in accordance
6 with subsection (d) taking into account public comments on the
7 preliminary plan insofar as it is possible to do so within the
8 requirements of subsection (d) and deliver identical bills
9 embodying the revised legislative district plan and identical
10 bills embodying the revised congressional district plan to the
11 advisory commission, the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief
12 Clerk of the House of Representatives.

13 (iv) The General Assembly shall bring the bills to a vote in
14 both the Senate and the House of Representatives not less than
15 seven days but no more than 20 days after the bills have been
16 delivered in accordance with subparagraph (iii) under a
17 procedure or rule permitting no amendments. It is further the
18 intent of this section that, if the bill is approved by the
19 first House in which it is considered, it shall be brought to a
20 vote in the second House within 10 days under a similar
21 procedure or rule.

22 (4) (i) If the bill embodying the revised plan submitted by
23 the commission under paragraph (3)(iii) fails to be approved by
24 a constitutional majority in either the Senate or the House of
25 Representatives, the Secretary of the Senate or the Chief Clerk
26 of the House of Representatives, as the case may be, shall at
27 once transmit to the commission information which the Senate or
28 House of Representatives may direct regarding reasons why the
29 revised plan was not approved.

30 (ii) The commission shall prepare a bill embodying a final

1 plan of legislative and congressional districting prepared in
2 accordance with subsection (m) taking into account the reasons
3 cited by the Senate or House of Representatives for its failure
4 to approve the revised plan insofar as it is possible to do so
5 within the requirements of subsection (m). If a final plan is
6 required under this subsection, the bill embodying it shall be
7 delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of
8 the House of Representatives no later than 14 days after the
9 date of the vote by which the Senate or the House of
10 Representatives fails to approve the bill submitted under
11 paragraph (1), whichever date is later.

12 (iii) It is the intent of this section that, if it is
13 necessary to submit a bill under this paragraph, the bill be
14 brought to a vote within the same time period after its delivery
15 to the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House
16 of Representatives as is prescribed for the bill submitted under
17 paragraph (3), but shall not be subject to amendment in the same
18 manner as other bills.

19 (5) If either House fails to bring a bill embodying a final
20 plan to a vote within the prescribed time, the plan embodied in
21 that bill shall be the adopted plan. If a bill embodying a final
22 plan is voted upon but fails to receive a constitutional
23 majority of either or both Houses of the General Assembly, then
24 the revised and final plan shall be sent to the chief elections
25 officer who shall choose one of them by lot as the adopted plan.

26 (6) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1), (2) and (3):

27 (i) If population data from the Federal census which is
28 sufficient to permit preparation of a congressional districting
29 plan becomes available at an earlier time than the population
30 data needed to permit preparation of a legislative districting

1 plan in accordance with subsection (d), the commission shall so
2 inform the advisory commission. If the advisory commission so
3 directs, the commission shall prepare a separate bill
4 establishing congressional districts and submit it separately
5 from the bill establishing legislative districts.

6 (ii) It is the intent of this section that the General
7 Assembly shall proceed to consider the congressional districting
8 bill in the manner prescribed by paragraphs (1), (2) and (3).

9 (iii) If the population data for legislative districting
10 which the United States Census Bureau is required to provide
11 this Commonwealth under 13 U.S.C. § 141 is not available to the
12 commission on or before February 1 of the year ending in one,
13 the dates set forth in this section shall be extended by a
14 number of days equal to the number of days after February 1 of
15 the year ending in one that the Federal census population data
16 for legislative districting is received.

17 (m) (1) Legislative and congressional districts shall be
18 established on the basis of population as follows:

19 (i) Senatorial and representative districts, respectively,
20 shall each have a population as nearly equal as practicable to
21 the ideal population for such districts, determined by dividing
22 the number of districts to be established into the population of
23 this Commonwealth reported in the Federal decennial census.
24 Senatorial districts and representative districts shall not vary
25 in population from the respective ideal district populations
26 except as necessary to comply with one of the other standards
27 enumerated in this section. In no case shall the quotient,
28 obtained by dividing the total of the absolute values of the
29 deviations of all district populations from the applicable ideal
30 district population by the number of districts established,

1 exceed 2.5% of the applicable ideal district population. No
2 senatorial district shall have a population which exceeds that
3 of any other senatorial district by more than 5%, and no
4 representative district shall have a population which exceeds
5 that of any other representative district by more than 5%.

6 (ii) Congressional districts shall each have a population as
7 nearly equal as practicable to the ideal district population,
8 derived as prescribed in subparagraph (i). No congressional
9 district shall have a population which varies by more than 2.5%
10 from the applicable ideal district population.

11 (iii) If an action is filed with the Supreme Court under
12 subsection (i) alleging excessive population variance among
13 districts established in the adopted plan, the commission has
14 the burden of justifying any variance in excess of the standards
15 described in subparagraphs (i) and (ii).

16 (2) To the extent consistent with paragraph (1), district
17 boundaries shall coincide with the boundaries of political
18 subdivisions of this Commonwealth. Unless absolutely necessary,
19 no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward
20 shall be divided in forming a congressional, senatorial or
21 representative district. The advisory commission shall include
22 an addendum to the plan explaining why a division is made for
23 any division made in the plan. With respect to any congressional
24 or legislative plan, when there is a choice between dividing
25 local political subdivisions, the more populous subdivisions
26 shall be divided before the less populous, but this provision
27 does not apply to a legislative district boundary drawn along a
28 county line which passes through a city that lies in more than
29 one county.

30 (3) Districts shall be composed of convenient contiguous

1 territory. Areas which meet only at the points of adjoining
2 corners are not contiguous.

3 (4) It is preferable that a district be compact in form with
4 a compactness measurement of not less than 15% of the total
5 ideal measurement for the district, but the standards
6 established by paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) take precedence over
7 compactness where a conflict arises between compactness and
8 these standards. In general, compact districts are those which
9 are square, rectangular or hexagonal in shape to the extent
10 permitted by natural or political boundaries.

11 (5) No district shall be drawn for the purpose of favoring a
12 political party, incumbent legislator or member of Congress or
13 other person. In establishing districts, no use shall be made of
14 any of the following data:

15 (i) Addresses of incumbent legislators or members of
16 Congress or of any other person.

17 (ii) Political affiliations of registered voters.

18 (iii) Previous election results.

19 (6) Each bill embodying a plan drawn under this section
20 shall provide that notwithstanding the adoption of a
21 redistricting plan, for the purposes of filling a vacancy during
22 the legislative session in which redistricting occurs, such
23 vacancy shall be filled from the same geographic district in
24 which the previous individual was most recently elected.

25 (7) Each bill embodying a plan drawn under this section
26 shall include provisions for election of senators to the General
27 Assembly which take office in the years ending in three and
28 five, which shall be in conformity with section 16 of this
29 article.

30 (n) Any district which does not include the residence from

1 which a member of the Senate was elected whether or not
2 scheduled for election at the next general election shall elect
3 a Senator at such election.

4 (o) (1) The members of the temporary redistricting advisory
5 commission established in subsection (c)(1) shall be selected as
6 follows:

7 (i) Each of the four selecting authorities shall certify to
8 the chief election officer his appointment of a person to serve
9 on the advisory commission. The certifications may be made at
10 any time after December 1 of the year ending in zero.

11 (ii) Within 30 days after the four selecting authorities
12 have certified their respective appointments to the advisory
13 commission, but in no event later than February 15 of the year
14 ending in one, the four advisory commission members so appointed
15 shall select, by a vote of at least three members, and certify
16 to the chief election officer the fifth advisory commission
17 member who shall serve as chairperson.

18 (iii) If the four members fail to select the fifth member
19 within the time prescribed, a majority of the membership of the
20 Supreme Court within 30 days thereafter shall appoint the
21 chairman as aforesaid and certify his appointment to such
22 elections officer.

23 (iv) A vacancy on the advisory commission shall be filled by
24 the initial selecting authority within 15 days after the vacancy
25 occurs.

26 (v) Members of the advisory commission shall receive travel
27 expenses and reimbursement for other necessary expenses incurred
28 in performing their duties under this section.

29 (2) No person shall be appointed to the advisory commission
30 who:

1 (i) Is not an eligible elector of this Commonwealth at the
2 time of selection.

3 (ii) Holds partisan public office or political party office.

4 (iii) Is a relative of or is employed by a member of the
5 General Assembly or of the United States Congress or is employed
6 directly by the General Assembly or by the United States
7 Congress.

8 (p) The functions of the advisory commission shall be as
9 follows:

10 (1) If, in preparation of any plan as required by this
11 section, the commission is confronted with the necessity to make
12 any decision for which no clearly applicable guideline is
13 provided by subsection (d), the commission may submit a written
14 request for direction to the advisory commission.

15 (2) (i) Prior to delivering any plan on any bill embodying
16 that plan to the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of
17 the House of Representatives in accordance with subsection (c),
18 the commission shall provide to persons outside the commission
19 staff only such information regarding the plan as may be
20 required by policies agreed upon by the advisory commission.

21 (ii) This paragraph does not apply to data furnished to the
22 commission by the United States Bureau of the Census.

23 (3) Upon each delivery by the commission to the advisory
24 commission or the General Assembly of a plan or bill embodying a
25 plan, pursuant to subsection (c), the advisory commission shall
26 at the earliest feasible time make available to the public and
27 post on the advisory commission's Internet website the following
28 information:

29 (i) Copies of the bill delivered by the commission to the
30 General Assembly.

1 (ii) Maps illustrating the plan.

2 (iii) A summary of the standards prescribed by subsection
3 (m) for development of the plan.

4 (iv) The full legal description of each district included in
5 the plan.

6 (v) A statement of the population of each district included
7 in the plan and the relative deviation of each district
8 population from the ideal district population.

9 (vi) An explanation of any deviation from any standard
10 specified in subsection (m) (1) (i) and (ii), along with any
11 document used to support the deviation.

12 (g) The preliminary and adopted congressional and
13 legislative redistricting plans shall be published by the chief
14 elections officer once in at least one newspaper of general
15 circulation in each congressional, senatorial and representative
16 district. The publication shall contain a map of the
17 Commonwealth showing the complete redistricting of congressional
18 and legislative districts, and a map showing the districts in
19 the area normally served by the newspaper in which the
20 publication is made. The publication shall also state the
21 population of the congressional, senatorial and representative
22 districts having the smallest and largest population and the
23 percentage variation of such districts from the average
24 population for congressional, senatorial and representative
25 districts.

26 (r) The advisory commission shall expire and its
27 responsibilities shall terminate when a redistricting plan is
28 adopted and shall be reconstituted no later than February 15 in
29 the year following the next Federal decennial census.
30 Notwithstanding the expiration of the advisory commission, all

1 information which was made publicly available on the advisory
2 commission's Internet website shall be transferred to the
3 website of the commission and shall remain available to the
4 public until the next advisory commission comes into existence.

5 (s) (1) Any aggrieved person may file an appeal from the
6 adopted plan directly to the Supreme Court within 60 days after
7 the passage thereof. If the appellant establishes that the
8 adopted plan is contrary to law, the Supreme Court shall issue
9 an order remanding the plan to the commission and directing the
10 commission to redistrict the Commonwealth in a manner not
11 inconsistent with such order.

12 (2) If the Supreme Court finds that the adopted plan is
13 unconstitutional, it shall order the commission to make the
14 necessary revisions to the plan and to submit the plan with
15 revisions to the Supreme Court for approval.

16 (t) The term of office of each member of the Citizens
17 Legislative Reapportionment Commission shall expire upon the
18 appointment of the first member of the succeeding commission. No
19 person may be appointed to the commission more than once.

20 (u) The following words and phrases when used in this
21 section shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection
22 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

23 "Advisory commission." The temporary redistricting advisory
24 commission established pursuant to this section.

25 "Chief election officer." The Secretary of the Commonwealth
26 or a designee.

27 "Commission." The Citizens Legislative Reapportionment
28 Commission established pursuant to this section.

29 "Federal census." The decennial census required by Federal
30 law to be conducted by the United States Bureau of the Census in

1 every year ending in zero.

2 "Four selecting authorities."

3 (1) The Majority Leader of the Senate.

4 (2) The Minority Leader of the Senate.

5 (3) The Majority Leader of the House of Representatives.

6 (4) The Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

7 "Partisan public office."

8 (1) An elective or appointive office in the executive or
9 legislative branch or in an independent establishment of the
10 Federal Government.

11 (2) An elective office in the executive or legislative
12 branch of the government of this Commonwealth or an office which
13 is filled by appointment.

14 (3) An office of a county, city or other political
15 subdivision of this Commonwealth which is filled by an election
16 process involving nomination and election of candidates on a
17 partisan basis.

18 "Plan." The comprehensive map and legal description for
19 congressional and legislative redistricting or the separate maps
20 and legal descriptions for congressional redistricting drawn up
21 pursuant to the requirements of this article.

22 "Political party office." An elective office in the national
23 or State organization of a political party.

24 "Relative." An individual who is related to the person in
25 question as father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister,
26 uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife,
27 grandfather, grandmother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-
28 law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather,
29 stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half
30 brother or half sister.

1 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
2 Assembly of these proposed constitutional amendments, the
3 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to
4 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
5 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
6 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
7 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
8 passage of these proposed constitutional amendments.

9 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of these
10 proposed constitutional amendments, the Secretary of the
11 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the
12 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
13 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required
14 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such
15 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of
16 these proposed constitutional amendments. The Secretary of the
17 Commonwealth shall submit the proposed constitutional amendments
18 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth as a single
19 ballot question at the first primary, general or municipal
20 election which meets the requirements of and is in conformance
21 with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania
22 and which occurs at least three months after the proposed
23 constitutional amendments are passed by the General Assembly.

24 Section 3. Upon ratification by the electors of the
25 amendment of section 16 of Article II of the Constitution of
26 Pennsylvania, the General Assembly shall enact legislation to
27 implement this constitutional amendment so that it applies for
28 the first time to the first session of the General Assembly
29 which begins after the 2020 reapportionment.