
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 491

Session of
1975

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. SCIRICA, BERSON, WOJDAK, MEBUS,
W. D. HUTCHINSON, ENGLEHART, RENNINGER AND MANDERINO,
FEBRUARY 18, 1975

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 18, 1975

AN ACT

1 Implementing the provisions of section 6 of Article I of the
2 Constitution of Pennsylvania by providing that a verdict may
3 be rendered by five-sixths of the jury in a civil case.

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

6 Section 1. In any civil case a verdict rendered by at least
7 five-sixths of the jury shall be the verdict of the jury and
8 shall have the same effect as a unanimous verdict of the jury.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect in thirty days and
10 shall apply to the verdict of any jury which is sworn on or
11 after the effective date of this act to try any issue in any
12 civil action or proceeding pending on the effective date of this
13 act or brought after the effective date of this act on any cause
14 of action heretofore or hereafter arising.