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KING, D. W. SNYDER, MERRY AND LAUGHLIN, JANUARY 25, 1994

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 25, 1994

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, providing for the election by judicial
3 districts of justices and judges of the Supreme, Superior and
4 Commonwealth Courts from established judicial districts.

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

7 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
8 Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

9 That sections 2, 3, 4 and 11 of Article V be amended to read:

10 § 2. Supreme Court.

11 The Supreme Court:

12 (a) shall be the highest court of the Commonwealth and in
13 this court shall be reposed the supreme judicial power of the
14 Commonwealth;

15 (b) shall consist of seven justices, to be elected from
16 judicial districts which shall be established by law, one of

1 whom shall be the Chief Justice; and

2 (c) shall have such jurisdiction as shall be provided by
3 law.

4 § 3. Superior Court.

5 The Superior Court shall be a statewide court, and shall
6 consist of the number of judges, which shall be not less than
7 [seven] 15 judges, to be elected from judicial districts which
8 shall be established by law, and have such jurisdiction as shall
9 be provided by this Constitution or by the General Assembly. One
10 of its judges shall be the president judge.

11 § 4. Commonwealth Court.

12 The Commonwealth Court shall be a statewide court, and shall
13 consist of the number of judges, to be elected from judicial
14 districts which shall be established by law, and have such
15 jurisdiction as shall be provided by law. One of its judges
16 shall be the president judge.

17 § 11. Judicial districts; boundaries.

18 [The] Except for the judicial districts fixed by law pursuant
19 to sections 2, 3 and 4, the number and boundaries of judicial
20 districts shall be changed by the General Assembly only with the
21 advice and consent of the Supreme Court.