

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL****No. 752**      Session of  
1995

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## A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for trial by jury and  
3 waiver of this right.

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

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

8 That Article I, section 6, be amended to read:

9 § 6. Trial by jury.

10 Trial by jury shall be as heretofore, and the right thereof  
11 remain inviolate. The General Assembly may provide, however, by  
12 law, that a verdict may be rendered by not less than five-sixths  
13 of the jury in any civil case. Furthermore, in criminal cases  
14 the accused may waive the right to a jury trial only with the  
15 consent of the Commonwealth.

16 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General  
17 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the

1 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to  
2 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article  
3 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the  
4 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in  
5 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after  
6 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

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