
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 752 Session of
1995

INTRODUCED BY SHAFFER, RHOADES, BELL, HART, CORMAN AND FISHER,
MARCH 10, 1995

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
JUNE 3, 1996

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 THAT SECTION 6 OF ARTICLE I BE AMENDED TO READ: <—

10 § 6. Trial by jury.

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

1 SAME RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY AS DOES THE ACCUSED.

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

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