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STEELMAN, JUNE 23, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 23, 1997

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, requiring jurors to be paid a minimum wage.

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

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

7 That Article V be amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 19. Jurors.

9 Jurors shall be paid at a rate equivalent to the minimum wage
10 or such higher rate as established by the General Assembly.
11 Mileage expenses for personal vehicle transportation shall be
12 due to jurors at the maximum rate authorized by the Internal
13 Revenue Service.

14 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
15 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the
16 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to

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

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