

IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Governor's Office
HARRISBURG

PROCLAMATION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—ARTICLE I

WHEREAS, Joint Resolution No. 1 of the 1971 Session of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania proposed to amend Article I of the Constitution of Pennsylvania by amending Section VI thereof to permit a verdict, in a civil case, to be rendered by no less than five-sixths of the jury, the said amended section to read as follows:

“Section 6. Trial by Jury. Trial by jury shall be as heretofore, and the right thereof remain inviolate. The General Assembly may provide, however, by law, that a verdict may be rendered by not less than five-sixths of the jury in any civil case”; and

WHEREAS, The said Joint Resolution was passed by two successive General Assemblies of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, The aforesaid proposed constitutional amendment was submitted for approval by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth at an election held on May 18, 1971; and

WHEREAS, The Secretary of the Commonwealth has certified to me that the aforesaid proposed constitutional amendment was approved by the electorate on the aforesaid day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Milton J. Shapp, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do proclaim and pronounce that the aforesaid constitutional amendment was adopted by a majority of the electors voting thereon on May 18, 1971.

GIVEN under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-third day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-one, and of the Commonwealth the one hundred and ninety-sixth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Milton J. Shapp".

BY THE GOVERNOR:

MILTON J. SHAPP
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Barton A. Fields".

Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth

SESSION OF 1971.
RESOLUTIONS
PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH
OF PENNSYLVANIA

(These Joint Resolutions Nos.1 to 5 were passed for the first time at the Legislative Session of 1970 and for the second time at the Legislative Session of 1971.)

No. 1

A JOINT RESOLUTION

HB 93

Proposing an amendment to article one, section six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the General Assembly to provide, by law, that a verdict may be rendered by not less than five-sixths of the jury in any civil case.

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

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with the provisions of the eleventh article thereof:

That section six, article one of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be amended to read:

Section 6. *Trial by Jury.*—Trial by jury shall be as heretofore, and the right thereof remain inviolate. *The General Assembly may provide, however, by law, that a verdict may be rendered by not less than five-sixths of the jury in any civil case.*

Section 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the qualified electors of the State, at the primary election next held after the advertising requirements of article eleven, section one of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have been satisfied.

(This Joint Resolution was passed for the first time at the Legislative Session of 1970 as Joint Resolution No. 2.)