

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
HARRISBURG

**PROCLAMATION**

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - ARTICLE I, SECTION 6

WHEREAS, Joint Resolution No. 1 of 1996 proposed to amend Article I, Section 6 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, adding a provision relating to trial by jury to read as follows:

§ 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. Furthermore, in criminal cases the Commonwealth shall have the same right to trial by jury as does the accused.

WHEREAS, Joint Resolution No. 1 of 1996 was agreed to by a majority of the members elected to each House of the General Assembly and published pursuant to Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, in the General Assembly next afterwards chosen, the aforesaid amendment to Article I, Section 6 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania was proposed in Joint Resolution No. 2 of 1998, which was agreed to by a majority of the members elected to each House of the General Assembly and published pursuant to Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid proposed amendment to Article I, Section 6 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania was submitted for approval to the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant to Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania at an election held on November 3, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth, pursuant to law, has certified to me that the aforesaid proposed amendment to Article I, Section 6 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania was approved by a majority of those voting thereon on the aforesaid day; and

WHEREAS, Section 903 of Title 1 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes requires the Governor, upon receiving the aforesaid certification of the Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth, to issue his proclamation indicating whether or not the proposed amendment to Article I, Section 6 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania has been adopted by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Thomas J. Ridge, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim that the aforesaid amendment to Article I, Section 6 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania was adopted by a majority of the electors voting thereon on November 3, 1998.

GIVEN under my hand and the Great Seal of the Commonwealth, at the City of Harrisburg, this third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and twenty-second.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

ATTEST:

KIM PIZZINGRILLI  
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - ARTICLE I, SECTION 14

WHEREAS, Joint Resolution No. 3 of Special Session No. 1 of 1995 proposed to amend Article I, Section 14 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, adding provisions relating to bail to read as follows:

§ 14. Prisoners to be bailable; habeas corpus.

All prisoners shall be bailable by sufficient sureties, unless for capital offenses or for offenses for which the maximum sentence is life imprisonment or unless no condition or combination of conditions other than imprisonment will reasonably assure the safety of any person and the community when the proof is evident or presumption great; and the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in case of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it.

WHEREAS, Joint Resolution No. 3 of Special Session No. 1 of 1995 was agreed to by a majority of the members elected to each House of the General Assembly and published pursuant to Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, in the General Assembly next afterwards chosen, the aforesaid amendment to Article I, Section 14 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania was proposed in Joint Resolution No. 1 of 1998, which was agreed to by a majority of the members elected to each House of the General Assembly and published pursuant to Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid proposed amendment to Article I, Section 14 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania was submitted for approval to the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant to Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania at an election held on November 3, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth, pursuant to law, has certified to me that the aforesaid proposed amendment to Article I, Section 14 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania was approved by a majority of those voting thereon on the aforesaid day; and

WHEREAS, Section 903 of Title 1 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes requires the Governor, upon receiving the aforesaid certification of the Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth, to issue his proclamation indicating whether or not the proposed amendment to Article I, Section 14 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania has been adopted by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Thomas J. Ridge, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim that the aforesaid amendment to Article I, Section 14 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania was adopted by a majority of the electors voting thereon on November 3, 1998.

GIVEN under my hand and the Great Seal of the Commonwealth, at the City of Harrisburg, this third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and twenty-second.

THOMAS J. RIDGE  
Governor

ATTEST:

KIM PIZZINGRILLI  
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth