

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
HARRISBURG

**PROCLAMATION**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – ARTICLE V, SECTION 10(c)**

WHEREAS, Joint Resolution No. 1 of 2002 and Joint Resolution No. 1 of 2003 proposed to amend Article V, Section 10(c), of the Constitution of Pennsylvania to read:

§ 10. Judicial administration.

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(c) The Supreme Court shall have the power to prescribe general rules governing practice, procedure and the conduct of all courts, justices of the peace and all officers serving process or enforcing orders, judgments or decrees of any court or justice of the peace, including the power to provide for assignment and reassignment of classes of actions or classes of appeals among the several courts as the needs of justice shall require, and for admission to the bar and to practice law, and the administration of all courts and supervision of all officers of the Judicial Branch, if such rules are consistent with this Constitution and neither abridge, enlarge nor modify the substantive rights of any litigant, nor affect the right of the General Assembly to determine the jurisdiction of any court or justice of the peace, nor suspend nor alter any statute of limitation or repose. All laws shall be suspended to the extent that they are inconsistent with rules prescribed under these provisions. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the General Assembly may by statute provide for the manner of testimony of child victims or child material witnesses in criminal proceedings, including the use of videotaped depositions or testimony by closed-circuit television.

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WHEREAS, Joint Resolution No. 1 of 2002 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 V, Section 10(c), of the Constitution of Pennsylvania was proposed in Joint Resolution No. 1 of 2003, 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 V, Section 10(c), 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 4, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, pursuant to law, has certified to me that the aforesaid proposed amendment to Article V, Section 10(c), 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 Secretary of the Commonwealth, to issue his proclamation indicating whether or not the proposed amendment to Article V, Section 10(c), of the Constitution of Pennsylvania has been adopted by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Edward G. Rendell, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim that the aforesaid amendment to Article V, Section 10(c), of the Constitution of Pennsylvania was adopted by a majority of the electors voting thereon on November 4, 2003.

GIVEN under my hand and the Great Seal of the Commonwealth, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-ninth day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand four and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and twenty-eighth.

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor

ATTEST:

PEDRO A. CORTES  
Secretary of the Commonwealth