

(These Joint Resolutions Nos. 7, 8 and 9 were passed for the first time at the Legislative Session of 1965.)

No. 7

A JOINT RESOLUTION

SB 530

Proposing that article one of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relating to the Declaration of Rights be amended.

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 eighteenth article thereof:

That article one of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is amended by repealing section 25, by renumbering the existing section 26, by adding a new section 26, and by rewording sections 15 and 19 so that sections 15, 19, 25 and 26 of article one will read:

ARTICLE I

Declaration of Rights

That the general, great and essential principles of liberty and free government may be recognized and unalterably established, we declare that—

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Section 15. [No commission of oyer and terminer or jail delivery shall be issued.] Special Criminal Tribunals.—No commission shall issue creating special temporary criminal tribunals to try particular individuals or particular classes of cases.

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Section 19. Attainder Limited.—No attainder shall work corruption of blood, nor, except during the life of the offender, forfeiture of estate to the Commonwealth. [The estate of such persons as shall destroy their own lives shall descend or vest as in cases of natural death, and if any person shall be killed by casualty there shall be no forfeiture by reason thereof.]

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[Section 25. Emigration from the State shall not be prohibited.]
Section [26] 25. Reservation of Powers in People.—To guard

against transgressions of the high powers which we have delegated, we declare that everything in this article is excepted out of the general powers of government and shall forever remain inviolate.

Section 26. No Discrimination by Commonwealth and Its Political Subdivisions.—Neither the Commonwealth nor any political subdivision thereof shall deny to any person the enjoyment of any civil right, nor discriminate against any person in the exercise of any civil right.