

(This Joint Resolution No. 2 was passed for the first time at the Legislative Session of 1996 as Joint Resolution No. 1 and for the second time at the Legislative Session of 1998 and was approved by the electorate November 3, 1998.)

No. 1998-2

A JOINT RESOLUTION

SB 555

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for trial by jury.

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

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

That section 6 of Article I be amended to read:

§ 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.*

Section 2. Upon passage by the General Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first general or municipal election occurring at least three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is passed by the General Assembly which meets the requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.