THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 93

Session of 1971

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. MANDERINO, BERKES, GLEESON, GREENFIELD, BRAIG, DeMEDIO, BRUNNER, STONE AND ENGLEHART, JANUARY 25, 1971

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JANUARY 25, 1971

A JOINT RESOLUTION

- 1 Proposing an amendment to article one, section six of the
- 2 Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing
- the General Assembly to provide, by law, that a verdict may
- 4 be rendered by not less than five-sixths of the jury in any
- 5 civil case.
- 6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 7 hereby resolves as follows:
- 8 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
- 9 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with
- 10 the provisions of the eleventh article thereof:
- 11 That section six, article one of the Constitution of the
- 12 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be amended to read:
- 13 Section 6. <u>Trial by Jury.</u> --Trial by jury shall be as
- 14 heretofore, and the right thereof remain inviolate. The General
- 15 Assembly may provide, however, by law, that a verdict may be
- 16 rendered by not less than five-sixths of the jury in any civil
- 17 case.
- 18 Section 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted by the
- 19 Secretary of the Commonwealth to the qualified electors of the

- 1 State, at the primary election next held after the advertising
- 2 requirements of article eleven, section one of the Constitution
- 3 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have been satisfied.