

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 12

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INTRODUCED BY FISHER, GREENLEAF, JUBELIRER, LOEPER, MELLOW,  
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KASUNIC, DAWIDA, ANDREZESKI AND BODACK, JANUARY 24, 1995

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
APRIL 18, 1995

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for bail.

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

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

7 That section 14 of Article I be amended to read:

8 § 14. Prisoners to be bailable; habeas corpus.

9 All prisoners shall be bailable by sufficient sureties,  
10 unless for capital offenses ~~for which the maximum sentence is~~ <—  
11 ~~death or life imprisonment~~ OR FOR OFFENSES FOR WHICH THE MAXIMUM <—  
12 SENTENCE IS LIFE IMPRISONMENT or unless no condition or  
13 combination of conditions other than imprisonment will  
14 reasonably assure the safety of any person and the community

1 when the proof is evident or presumption great; and the  
2 privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended,  
3 unless when in case of rebellion or invasion the public safety  
4 may require it.