

**Pennsylvania Proposed Constitutional Amendments of the General Assembly for the
Year 1997**

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Year	HB/SB	Article	Section	Title	Bill Link
1997	SB	1	6	Jury trial, Commonwealth criminal case, further providing for (Amend Constitution Article I, section 6)	SB555
1997	SB	1	6	Jury trial, person ineligible to vote because of crime conviction, prohibited to serve as juror (Amend Constitution Article I, section 6)	SB627
1997	SB	1	6	Jury trials, civil or noncapital criminal cases, six jurors authorized by General Assembly (Amend Constitution Article I, section 6)	SB102
1997	HB	1	6	Jury, criminal cases, verdict by five-sixths authorized by General Assembly (Amend Constitution Article I, section 6)	HB1157
1997	HB	1	6	Juvenile court cases, trial by jury (Amend Constitution Article I, section 6)	HB1696
1997	HB	1	6	Trial by jury, waiver of rights, further providing for (Amend Constitution Article I, section 6)	HB1521
1997	SB	1	13	Death sentence imposition, prohibiting (Amend Constitution Article I, section 13)	SB151
1997	HB	1	14	Bail, further providing for (Amend Constitution Article I, section 14)	HB1520
1997	SB	1	29	Citizen responsibilities declaration (Amend Constitution Article I, section 29 added)	SB260

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1997	SB	1	29	Crime victims rights (Amend Constitution Article I, adding section 29)	SB1185
1997	SB	1	29	Presumption of operation of motor vehicle provision (Amend Constitution Article I, adding section 29)	SB1064
1997	SB	2	2	General Assembly member vacancy, election date, further defined (Amend Constitution Article II, section 2)	SB523
1997	HB	2	2	General Assembly, filling of vacancies, further providing for (Amend Constitution Article II, section 2)	HB104
1997	SB	2	3	General Assembly members, Senate six-year term and House of Representatives four-year term; limit terms to twelve years (Amend Constitution Article II, section 3)	SB632
1997	SB	2	3	General Assembly members, limit terms to eight years (Amend Constitution Article II, section 3)	SB424
1997	HB	2	3	General Assembly members, maximum number of terms of office (Amend Constitution Article II, section 3)	HB2060
1997	HB	2	3	General Assembly, legislative districts, terms of members, further providing for (Amend Constitution Article II, section 3)	HB824
1997	HB	2	3	General Assembly, limiting terms; referendum on reelection of members (Amend Constitution Article II, section 3, adding section)	HB685
1997	HB	2	3	General Assembly, maximum number of consecutive terms for members (Amend Constitution Article II, Section 3)	HB1139

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1997	SB	2	4	General Assembly, session days begin in February, continue for 90 consecutive days unless special session called (Amend Constitution Article II, section 4)	SB25
1997	HB	2	9	General Assembly, legislative officers, qualification of members, further providing for (Amend Constitution Article II, section 9)	HB103
1997	SB	2	16	General Assembly districts, reduce size (Amend Constitution Article II, section 16)	SB189
1997	SB	2	16	General Assembly districts, reduced (Amend Constitution Article II, section 16)	SB587
1997	HB	2	16	General Assembly, legislative districts, terms of members, further providing for (Amend Constitution Article II, section 16)	HB824
1997	HB	2	16	General Assembly, reduction in number of representative districts from 203 to 101 (Amend Constitution Article II, section 16)	HB73
1997	HB	2	16	House of Representatives, number reduced (Amend Constitution Article II, section 16)	HB1712
1997	HB	2	16	House of Representatives, reducing number of members to 149 (Amend Constitution Article II, section 16)	HB1415
1997	HB	2	16	Legislative Reapportionment Commission chairman selection, newly reapportioned districts and election of Senators in certain circumstances (Amend Constitution Article II, section 16)	HB114

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1997	HB	2	16	Legislative Reapportionment Commission, establishing criteria (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 16)	HB683
1997	SB	2	16	Legislative Reapportionment Commission, further defining duties relating to legislative district criteria (Amend Constitution Article II, section 16)	SB1054
1997	HB	2	17	Judges and justices of the peace, retirement, further providing for (Amend Constitution Article II, section 17)	HB114
1997	HB	2	17	Legislative Reapportionment Commission chairman selection, newly reapportioned districts and election of Senators in certain circumstances (Amend Constitution Article II, section 17)	HB114
1997	HB	2	17	Legislative Reapportionment Commission, establishing criteria (Amend Constitution Article II, sections 17)	HB683
1997	SB	2	17	Legislative Reapportionment Commission, membership, powers and duties, further defined (Amend Constitution Article II, section 17)	SB759
1997	SB	2	18	General Assembly member, recall procedure (Amend Constitution Article II, section 18 added)	SB955
1997	SB	2	18	General Assembly members, reelection referendum after serving 12 years (Amend Constitution Article II, section 18 added)	SB258
1997	SB	2	18	General Assembly members, reelection referendum required after serving 12 years (Amend Constitution Article II, section 18 added)	SB580

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1997	HB	2	18	General Assembly, limiting terms; referendum on reelection of members (Amend Constitution Article II, section 18, adding section)	HB685
1997	HB	3	4	Bills imposing new taxes or license fees, concurrence of three-fifths of all members of each House; Commonwealth indebtedness, further providing for (Amend Constitution Article III, section 4)	HB489
1997	HB	3	4	Bills in each house, consideration (Amend Constitution Article III, section 4)	HB226
1997	HB	3	26	General Assembly, retirement benefits, pension increase, members and beneficiaries (Amend Constitution Article III, section 26)	HB1786
1997	SB	3	26	Retirement benefits, authorizing General Assembly to increase payments to members or beneficiaries who are spouses of members (Amend Constitution Article III, section 26)	SB1215
1997	SB	3	29	Charitable, educational or benevolent appropriations and public assistance recipients, person convicted of crime excluded from receiving (Amend Constitution Article III, section 29)	SB629
1997	HB	3	33	Initiative and referendum, indirect procedure relating to legislation, authorized (Amend Constitution Article III, section 33)	HB1284
1997	SB	3	33	Initiative and referendum procedure authorized (Amend Constitution Article III, section 33 added)	SB353

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1997	SB	3	33	Initiative and referendum procedure authorizing (Amend Constitution Article III, section 33 added)	SB1004
1997	SB	3	33	Initiative and referendum procedure, authorizing use of, under certain circumstances (Amend Constitution Article III, adding sections 33)	SB1182
1997	HB	3	33	Initiative and referendum, indirect procedure relating to legislation, authorized (Amend Constitution Article III, section 33)	HB1284
1997	SB	3	33	Initiative and referendum, indirect procedure, authorized (Amend Constitution Article III, section 33 added)	SB112
1997	SB	3	34	Initiative and referendum procedure, authorizing use of, under certain circumstances (Amend Constitution Article III, adding sections 34)	SB1182
1997	SB	3	35	Initiative and referendum procedure, authorizing use of, under certain circumstances (Amend Constitution Article III, adding sections 35)	SB1182
1997	SB	3	36	Initiative and referendum procedure, authorizing use of, under certain circumstances (Amend Constitution Article III, adding sections 36)	SB1182
1997	SB	4	1	Insurance Commissioner, elective office provision (Amend Constitution Article IV, section 1)	SB728
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1997	SB	4	9	Board of Pardons, death sentence or life imprisonment, commute by unanimous recommendation in writing (Amend Constitution Article IV, section 9)	SB156
1997	HB	4	18.1	Auditor General and State Treasurer, qualifications (Amend Constitution Article IV, adding section 18.1)	HB979
1997	HB	4	18.1	Auditor General, State Treasurer, qualifications for office (Amend Constitution Article IV, adding section 18.1)	HB277
1997	SB	5	1	Judicial Council of Pennsylvania, establishing; powers and duties (Amend Constitution Article V, sections 1)	SB1093
1997	SB	5	1	Unified judicial system, funded and structured by law of General Assembly (Amend Constitution Article V, section 1)	SB221
1997	SB	5	2	Judicial Council of Pennsylvania, establishing; powers and duties (Amend Constitution Article V, sections 2)	SB1093
1997	SB	5	2	Judicial districts, established for justices and judges selection for Supreme, Superior and Commonwealth Courts (Amend Constitution Article V, sections 2)	SB169
1997	SB	5	2	Supreme Court, King's Bench power, abolishing (Amend Constitution Article V, section 2)	SB1097
1997	SB	5	3	Judicial districts, established for justices and judges selection for Supreme, Superior and Commonwealth Courts (Amend Constitution Article V, sections 3)	SB169

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1997	SB	5	4	Judicial districts, established for justices and judges selection for Supreme, Superior and Commonwealth Courts (Amend Constitution Article V, sections 4)	SB169
1997	HB	5	10	Judges and justices of the peace, retirement, further providing for (Amend Constitution Article V, section 10)	HB114
1997	SB	5	10	Judicial Council of Pennsylvania, establishing; powers and duties (Amend Constitution Article V, sections 10)	SB1093
1997	SB	5	10	Supreme Court, Chief Justice, providing for Governor to select from sitting justices; vacancy filled by appointment of the Governor (Amend Constitution Article V, section 10)	SB1100
1997	SB	5	10	Supreme Court, power to suspend statutes, publishing, public comment and gubernatorial review required (Amend Constitution Article V, section 10)	SB779
1997	SB	5	10	Supreme Court, rescinding power to suspend statutes (Amend Constitution Article V, section 10)	SB1045
1997	SB	5	11	Judicial districts, established for justices and judges selection for Supreme, Superior and Commonwealth Courts (Amend Constitution Article V, sections 11(a) and (c))	SB169
1997	HB	5	15	Tenure, judges and justices of the peace, further providing for (Amend Constitution Article V, section 15)	HB687

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1997	HB	5	16	Judges and justices of the peace, retirement, further providing for (Amend Constitution Article V, section 16)	HB114
1997	SB	5	16	Judicial Council of Pennsylvania, establishing; powers and duties (Amend Constitution Article V, sections 16)	SB1093
1997	SB	5	16	Judicial financial affairs and budgets, defined (Amend Constitution Article V, section 16(a) added)	SB31
1997	HB	5	16	Judicial officers, compensation and retirement, further providing for (Amend Constitution Article V, section 16(b))	HB1086
1997	SB	5	16	Justices, judges and justices of the peace, reimburse expenses by voucher for work-related services (Amend Constitution Article V, section 16)	SB31
1997	SB	5	16	Supreme Court, assign former or retired justice or judge to temporary judicial service, with exception (Amend Constitution Article V, section 16)	SB1099
1997	SB	5	17	Justice and judicial candidates, speak on political and disputed legal issues permitted (Amend Constitution Article V, section 17)	SB791
1997	SB	5	19	Financial affairs and budgets of unified judicial system, providing for (Amend Constitution Article V, adding section 19)	SB1096
1997	SB	5	19	Judicial financial affairs and budgets, defined (Amend Constitution Article V, section 19 added(a)(b)(c) and (d))	SB31
1997	HB	5	19	Jurors, minimum wage or equivalent of, paid during civil or criminal trial (Amend Constitution, Article V, section 19)	HB1700

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1997	HB	5	19	Jurors, minimum wage payment; questions answered during trials; notes permitted during civil and criminal trials (Amend Constitution Article V, section 19(a)(b) and (c))	HB1697
1997	HB	5	19	Jurors, notes taken during civil and criminal trials (Amend Constitution Article V, section 19)	HB1698
1997	HB	5	19	Jurors, questions answered during civil or criminal trials (Amend Constitution Article V, section 19)	HB1699
1997	SB	5	19	Justices, judges and justices of the peace, reimburse expenses by voucher for work-related services (Amend Constitution Article V, section 19)	SB31
1997	HB	6	2	General Assembly, oaths of office, further providing for (Amend Constitution Article VI, section 2)	HB105
1997	SB	6	7	Municipal officials, recall procedure (Amend Constitution Article VI, section 7)	SB957
1997	SB	6	7	School board directors, recall procedure (Amend Constitution Article VI, section 7)	SB956
1997	SB	6	8	Members of the General Assembly, persons holding Statewide office, recall procedure (Amend Constitution Article VI, adding section 8)	SB1007
1997	SB	6	8	Public office or employment, voter convicted of crime prohibited from holding (Amend Constitution Article VI, section 8 added)	SB628

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1997	HB	6	8	Public officers; members of General Assembly, State Congress member, elected judicial, State and county, subject to removal from office by recall (Amend Constitution, Article VI, section 8 added)	HB801
1997	HB	7	14	Absentee voting, municipalities, further providing for (Amend Constitution, Article VII, section 14)	HB171
1997	SB	7	15	Voter, right and registration privilege prohibited for individual convicted of crime (Amend Constitution Article VII, section 15 added)	SB630
1997	HB	8	2	Nursing home expenses, tax provisions relating to (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 2)	HB1646
1997	HB	8	2	Real property tax exclusion, portion of assessed value of homestead property (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 2)	HB1
1997	SB	8	2	Real property tax exclusion, portion of assessed value of homestead property (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 2)	SB65
1997	HB	8	2	Residential real property, tax increase when improvements or additions are made (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 2)	HB451
1997	SB	8	2	School tax levied on residence of persons 65 years of age, increase during occupancy prohibited (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 2)	SB519

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1997	SB	8	7	Tax or license fees, increase or establish new, two-thirds vote of General Assembly required; Commonwealth indebtedness, two-thirds vote not required to increase rate of taxes and fees to make up for insufficient revenues (Amend Constitution Article VIII, adding sections 7)	SB1143
1997	HB	8	13	Operating budget increases, limiting (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 13)	HB1074
1997	SB	8	18	State spending limitations (Amend Constitution Article VIII, adding section 18)	SB4
1997	HB	8	18	Tax increase limitations, further providing for (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 18)	HB1037
1997	SB	8	18	Tax or license fees, increase or establish new, two-thirds vote of General Assembly required; Commonwealth indebtedness, two-thirds vote not required to increase rate of taxes and fees to make up for insufficient revenues (Amend Constitution Article VIII, adding sections 18)	SB1143
1997	SB	9	13.1	Statutes affecting municipalities to require the spending of funds or limiting ability to raise revenue, providing for (Amend Constitution Article IX, section 13.1 added)	SB385
1997	HB	11	2	Constitution, use of initiative process to amend, reserved as a power to the people (Amend Constitution Article XI, section 2 added)	HB1865

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1997	SB	11	2	Initiative and referendum procedure authorized (Amend Constitution Article XI, section added 2)	SB513
1997	HB	13	2	Charitable organizations, tax exemptions, further providing for (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 2)	HB1535
1997	HB	13	2	Education expenses, special tax provisions relating to, providing for (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 2)	HB354
1997	HB	13	7	Bills imposing new taxes or license fees, concurrence of three-fifths of all members of each House; Commonwealth indebtedness, further providing for (Amend Constitution Article XIII, section 7)	HB489
1997	HB	13	11	Gasoline and motor fuel, use of excise taxes, further providing for (Amend Constitution Article VIII, section 11)	HB1581