

[Jt. Res. No. 26, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 58.

To amend section 5, article I, of the constitution, relating to trial by jury.

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That section 5 of article I of the constitution be amended to read: (Article I) Section 5. The right of trial by jury shall remain inviolate, and shall extend to all cases at law without regard to the amount in controversy; but a jury trial may be waived by the parties in all cases in the manner prescribed by law. Provided, however, that the legislature may, from time to time, by statute provide that a valid verdict, in civil cases, may be based on the votes of a specified number of the jury, not less than five-sixths thereof.

Assembly: Ayes 75; Noes 5.

Senate: Ayes 21; Noes 2.

[Jt. Res. No. 51, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 59.

Referring to the next legislature a proposed amendment to the constitution.

WHEREAS, A majority of the members elected to each of the two houses of the legislature have agreed to the following proposed amendment to section 4 of article VI of the constitution: (Article VI) Section 4. Sheriffs, coroners, registers of deeds, district attorneys, and all other county officers except judicial officers, shall be chosen by the electors of the respective counties once in every two years. Sheriffs shall hold no other office, and * * * *may succeed themselves*; they may be required by law to renew their security from time to time, and in default of giving such new security their office shall be deemed vacant; but the county shall never be made responsible for the acts of the sheriff. The governor may remove any officer in this section mentioned, giving to such a copy of the charges against him and an opportunity of being heard in his defense. All vacancies shall be filled by appointment, and the person appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold only for the unexpired portion of the term to which he shall be appointed and until his successor shall be elected and qualified. Be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That this proposed amendment to the constitution be referred to the legislature to be chosen at the next general election and that