

Present constitution (Art. I, §17(A)) permits a criminal defendant, except in capital cases, to knowingly and intelligently waive his right to a trial by jury.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution (Art. I, §17(A)) but requires the defendant to waive no later than forty-five days prior to the trial date and provides that the waiver shall be irrevocable.

Proposed constitutional amendment, if approved by a majority of voting electors, shall become effective 20 days after proclamation by the governor that the amendment has been adopted.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 2, 2010.

(Amends Const. Art. I, §17(A))