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Present constitution allows a defendant in a noncapital felony criminal case to knowingly, intelligently, and irrevocably waive his right to a trial by jury no later than 45 days prior to the trial date.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that a defendant in a noncapital felony case may not waive his right to a trial by jury unless the prosecuting authority provides written consent.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on April 17, 2027, as authorized by law.

(Amends Const. Art. I, Sec. 17(A))