

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 135

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A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article I of the Constitution of Tennessee, relative to limits on damages in civil actions.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that a majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed that Article I, Section 6, of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting it in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

Section 6. The right of trial by jury shall remain inviolate. The legislature has the power to enact laws limiting the amount of noneconomic and punitive damages in civil actions, and any such limit does not diminish the right of trial by jury. No religious or political test shall ever be required as a qualification for jurors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing be referred to the One Hundred Twelfth General Assembly and that this resolution proposing such amendment be published in accordance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of State.