

# COMMITTEE REPORT



## MR. PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure, to which was referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said joint resolution be amended as follows:

Delete the title and insert the following:  
A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article 7, Section 4 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana concerning criminal law and procedure.

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. The following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Indiana, which was agreed to by the One Hundred Tenth General Assembly and referred to this General Assembly for reconsideration and agreement, is agreed to by this, the One Hundred Eleventh General Assembly of the State of Indiana.

SECTION 2. ARTICLE 7, SECTION 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Section 4. The Supreme Court shall have no original jurisdiction except in admission to the practice of law; discipline or disbarment of those admitted; the unauthorized practice of law; discipline, removal and retirement of justices and judges; supervision of the exercise of jurisdiction by the other courts of the State; and issuance of writs necessary or appropriate in aid of its jurisdiction. The Supreme Court shall exercise appellate jurisdiction under such terms and conditions as specified by rules except that appeals from a judgment imposing a sentence of death ~~life imprisonment or imprisonment for a term greater than fifty years~~ shall be taken directly to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court shall have,

- III in all appeals of criminal cases, the power to review all questions of
- III law and to review and revise the sentence imposed.  
(Reference is to SJR 1 as introduced.)

**and when so amended that said bill be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.**

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GARTON                      Chairperson