

An Amendment to the State Constitution

To be Submitted to the Qualified Electors of the State for their Approval
or Rejection at the

GENERAL ELECTION

TO BE HELD ON

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1922

CONCISE STATEMENT

"AN ACT amending section 22 of article I of the State Constitution by providing that the trial of a person accused of a public offense committed on any railway car, coach, train, boat or other public conveyance may be had in any county through which such conveyance may pass."

AN ACT providing for the amendment of section 22 of article I of the Constitution of the State of Washington, relating to the rights of accused persons.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. That at the general election to be held in this State on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday of November, 1922, there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their adoption and approval or rejection and amendment to Section 22 of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Washington, so that the same shall, when amended, read as follows:

"Section 22. In criminal prosecutions the accused shall have the right to appear and defend in person, or by counsel, to demand the nature and cause of the accusation against him, to have a copy thereof, to testify in his own behalf, to meet the witnesses against him face to face, to have compulsory process to compel the attendance of witnesses in his own behalf, to have a speedy public trial by an impartial jury of the

county in which the offense is charged to have been committed and the right to appeal in all cases: *Provided*, The route traversed by any railway coach, train or public conveyance, and the water traversed by any boat shall be criminal districts; and the jurisdiction of all public offenses committed on any such railway car, coach, train, boat or other public conveyance, or at any station or depot upon such route, shall be in any county through which the said car, coach, train, boat or other public conveyance may pass during the trip or voyage, or in which the trip or voyage may begin or terminate. In no instance shall any accused person before final judgment be compelled to advance money or fees to secure the rights herein guaranteed."

Passed the House, January 27, 1921.

Passed the Senate, February 9, 1921.

Permitted to become a law without the signature of the Governor.—J. Grant Hinkle, Secretary of State.

STATE OF WASHINGTON—ss.

Filed in the office of Secretary of State February 18, 1921.

J. GRANT HINKLE, *Secretary of State.*