

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 243

2018 Regular Session

Morrell

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE. Constitutional amendment to require unanimous juries for felony convictions for offenses committed on or after January 1, 2019. (2/3 - CA13s1(A))

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Amend proposed constitutional amendment to provide that the present constitution will apply to noncapital felony cases for offenses committed prior to January 1, 2019, and to provide that a unanimous verdict is required in cases for noncapital felony offenses that are committed on or after January 1, 2019.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

SB 243 Reengrossed

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Present constitution (Art. I, §17(A)) provides that a case in which the punishment is necessarily confinement at hard labor shall be tried before a jury of 12 persons, 10 of whom must concur to render a verdict.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains the present constitution relative to noncapital felony cases for offenses committed prior to January 1, 2019, but amends the present constitution to provide that a unanimous verdict is required in cases for noncapital felony offenses committed on or after January 1, 2019.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 6, 2018.

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

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