

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 493 (HB 365)

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Existing law requires a unanimous jury vote in cases in which punishment may be capital, and prior law required 10 of 12 jurors to concur in other felony cases.

New law retains existing law relative to noncapital felony cases for offenses committed prior to Jan. 1, 2019, but amends prior law to provide that a unanimous verdict is required in cases for noncapital felony offenses committed on or after Jan. 1, 2019.

Provides that new law is effective on Jan. 1, 2019, if and when the proposed constitutional amendment (HB No. 354 or SB No. 243 of the 2018 R.S.) to La. Const. Art. I, §17(C) is adopted at a statewide election and becomes effective.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 782(A))