
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the trial of misdemeanor offenses.

Present law requires a defendant charged with a misdemeanor punishable by a fine in excess of \$1,000 or imprisonment for more than six months to be tried by a jury of six jurors, all of whom must concur to render a verdict.

Proposed law amends present law to change the monetary threshold that must be exceeded to invoke a jury trial from \$1,000 to \$2,500. Otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law applies both prospectively and retroactively to all cases pending on the effective date of proposed law.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 779(A))