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Abstract: Requires unanimous jury verdicts for noncapital felonies committed prior to Jan. 1, 2019.

Present constitution provides for jury trial in criminal cases.

Proposed constitutional amendment generally retains present constitution.

Present constitution requires that a case involving a noncapital felony that is committed prior to Jan. 1, 2019, be tried before a jury of 12 persons. Further requires that 10 of the 12 jurors concur to render a verdict.

Proposed constitutional amendment removes this provision of present constitution.

Present constitution requires that a case involving a noncapital felony that is committed on or after Jan. 1, 2019, be tried before a jury of 12 persons. Further requires that all 12 jurors concur to render a verdict.

Proposed constitutional amendment amends present constitution to include the requirement that all 12 jurors concur to render a verdict for a case involving a noncapital felony that was committed prior to Jan. 1, 2019.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 3, 2026.

(Amends Const. Art. I, §17(A))