

1 but no later than forty-five days prior to the trial date and the waiver shall be
2 irrevocable.

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4 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
5 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 6,
6 2018.

7 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,
8 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
9 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
10 follows:

11 Do you support an amendment to require a unanimous jury verdict in all
12 noncapital felony cases? (Amends Article I, Section 17(A))

DIGEST

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Abstract: Changes the jury vote required in noncapital felony cases from 10 of 12 jurors to 12 of 12 jurors.

Present constitution permits 10 of 12 jurors to concur for a verdict in noncapital felony cases.

Proposed constitutional amendment requires that all 12 jurors concur for a verdict in all felony cases.

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

(Amends Const. Art. I, §17(A))