

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 192 (HB 52)**

**2026 Regular Session**

**Villio**

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

Prior law set the monetary threshold to invoke a jury trial at a fine in excess of \$1,000.

New law changes the monetary threshold that must be exceeded to invoke a jury trial from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

New law applies prospectively and retroactively to June 8, 2025.

Effective upon lapse of time for gubernatorial action (May 17, 2026).

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