

1 for more than six months shall be tried before a jury of six persons, all of whom must
 2 concur to render a verdict. The accused shall have a right to full voir dire
 3 examination of prospective jurors and to challenge jurors peremptorily. The number
 4 of challenges shall be fixed by law. Except in capital cases, a defendant may
 5 knowingly and intelligently waive his right to a trial by jury but no later than forty-
 6 five days prior to the trial date and the waiver shall be irrevocable.

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8 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
 9 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 6,
 10 2018.

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

15 Do you support an amendment to require a unanimous jury verdict for felony
 16 trials, to be applicable to offenses committed on or after January 1, 2019?

17 (Amends Article I, Section 17(A))

The original instrument was prepared by James Benton. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Ann S. Brown.

SB 243 Reengrossed

DIGEST
 2018 Regular Session

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Present constitution provides that a case in which the punishment is necessarily confinement at hard labor shall be tried before a jury of 12 persons, 10 of whom must concur to render a verdict.

Proposed constitutional amendment changes the concurrence requirement by a jury in a felony case, from 10 to 12. Further provides that the proposed constitutional amendment will only apply to offenses committed on or after Jan. 1, 2019.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the congressional primary election to be held on November 6, 2018.

(Amends Const. Art. I, Sec. 17(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Provides that the provision of proposed law shall apply only to offenses committed on or after January 1, 2019.