RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 722 (SB 243)

2018 Regular Session

Morrell

<u>Present constitution</u> (Art. I, §17(A)) 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.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> retains the <u>present constitution</u> relative to noncapital felony cases for offenses committed prior to January 1, 2019, but amends the <u>present</u> <u>constitution</u> to provide that a unanimous verdict is required in cases for noncapital felony offenses committed on or after January 1, 2019.

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

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