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SB 243 Reengrossed

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Present constitution (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.

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

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the reengrossed bill:

1. Amend proposed constitutional amendment to provide that the present constitution will apply to noncapital felony cases for offenses committed prior to Jan. 1, 2019, and to provide that a unanimous verdict is required in cases for noncapital felony offenses that are committed on or after Jan. 1, 2019.