

ACT 89

S.B. NO. 5

A Bill for an Act Relating to Twelve Member Jury (Constitutional Amendment).

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this Act is to conform the Hawaii Revised Statutes to the Hawaii State Constitution as amended by the Constitutional

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Convention of 1978 and ratified by the electorate on November 7, 1978.

SECTION 2. Chapter 806, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read:

“Sec. 806- Jury of twelve required. Any defendant charged with a serious crime shall have the right to trial by a jury of twelve members. “Serious crime” means any crime for which the defendant may be imprisoned for six-months or more.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.*

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 19, 1979.)

*The text has been edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5, authorizing omission of the brackets, bracketed material, and underscoring.