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Sec. 1. Section 38 of Chapter II of the Vermont Constitution is amended to read:

§38. [JURY TRIALS]

Trials of issues, proper for the cognizance of a Jury as established by law or by judicial rules adopted by the Supreme Court not inconsistent with law, in the Supreme Court, the Superior Court and other subordinate courts, shall be by Jury, except where parties otherwise agree; and great care ought to be taken to prevent corruption or partiality in the choice and return, or appointment of Juries.

The number of jurors for trial of causes in any civil action and in misdemeanor prosecutions may be fixed by law but shall not be less than six in any case. The number of jurors in felony prosecutions shall be 12.