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1995: Proposal 12

Subject: Judiciary; civil trials; jury size

PROPOSAL 12

Sec. 1. PURPOSE

This proposal would amend the Vermont Constitution to establish six person juries for civil trials.

Sec. 2. Chapter II Section 38 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. All Juries in civil trials shall consist of six Jurors.