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jurors; peremptory challenges

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HOUSE BILL 2413

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 21, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 21-316; RELATING TO JURORS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Title 21, chapter 3, article 2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 21-316, to read:
4 21-316. Peremptory challenges in criminal actions
5 IN A CRIMINAL ACTION, UNLESS THE PARTIES AGREE TO FEWER CHALLENGES,
6 EACH PARTY IS ENTITLED TO THE FOLLOWING PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES:
7 1. IF THE OFFENSE CHARGED IS PUNISHABLE BY DEATH, TEN.
8 2. IF THE OFFENSE CHARGED IS NOT PUNISHABLE BY DEATH AND THE CASE
9 IS TRIED IN:
10 (a) THE SUPERIOR COURT, FOUR.
11 (b) A LIMITED JURISDICTION COURT, TWO.
12 3. IF THE TRIAL INVOLVES MORE THAN ONE DEFENDANT, ONE-HALF THE
13 NUMBER OF PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES TO WHICH A SINGLE DEFENDANT IS ENTITLED.
14 THE STATE IS NOT ENTITLED TO ADDITIONAL PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES.
15 Sec. 2. Emergency
16 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
17 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
18 law.