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1 AN ACT Relating to jury verdicts in criminal cases in courts of
2 record; and adding a new section to chapter 10.61 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 10.61 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section,
7 in a criminal trial in a court of record with a twelve-member jury, the
8 votes of ten or more jurors are sufficient to convict or acquit.

9 (2) The conviction or acquittal of a defendant charged with
10 aggravated first degree murder as defined under chapter 10.95 RCW must
11 be by a unanimous vote of the jury.

12 (3) The imposition of the death penalty pursuant to a special
13 sentencing proceeding under chapter 10.95 RCW must be by a unanimous
14 vote of the jury.

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