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Brief Title: Authorizing less-than-unanimous jury verdicts in criminal cases.

HB 1295 - DIGEST

Declares that the votes of ten or more jurors are sufficient to convict or acquit.

Requires the conviction or acquittal of a defendant charged with aggravated first degree murder as defined under chapter 10.95 RCW to be by a unanimous vote of the jury.

Declares that the imposition of the death penalty pursuant to a special sentencing proceeding under chapter 10.95 RCW must be by a unanimous vote of the jury.