Senate Bill 289

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SUMMARY

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Requires unanimous verdict of trial jury in criminal action.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to jury verdicts in criminal actions; amending ORS 136.450.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 136.450 is amended to read:

136.450. [*(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section,*] The verdict of a trial jury in a criminal action shall be [*by concurrence of at least 10 of 12 jurors.*]

[*(2) Except when the state requests a unanimous verdict, a verdict of guilty for murder or aggravated murder shall be by concurrence of at least 11 of 12 jurors*] **unanimous**.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.