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## SUMMARY

Creates Task Force on Unanimous Jury Verdicts to study potential impact of requiring unanimous jury verdicts in Oregon.

Sunsets task force on date of convening of 2015 regular session of the Legislative Assembly.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to unanimous jury verdicts; and declaring an emergency.

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

3 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Unanimous Jury Verdicts is es-**  
4 **tablished, consisting of the following members appointed by the Gov-**  
5 **ernor:**

6 **(a) The executive director of the Oregon Criminal Justice Commis-**  
7 **sion;**

8 **(b) Two members who are representatives of the Oregon District**  
9 **Attorneys Association;**

10 **(c) Two members who are criminal defense attorneys in Oregon;**

11 **(d) If available, one member who is a federal attorney working in**  
12 **Oregon; and**

13 **(e) If available, one member who is a federal judge sitting in**  
14 **Oregon.**

15 **(2) The task force shall study the potential impact of amending the**  
16 **Oregon Constitution to require unanimous jury verdicts in criminal**  
17 **procedures, including the potential fiscal impact and the potential**  
18 **impact on the criminal justice system.**  
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1       **(3) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes**  
2 **a quorum for the transaction of business.**

3       **(4) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a ma-**  
4 **jority of the voting members of the task force.**

5       **(5) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chair-**  
6 **person.**

7       **(6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make an**  
8 **appointment to become immediately effective.**

9       **(7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the**  
10 **call of the chairperson or of a majority of the voting members of the**  
11 **task force.**

12       **(8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of**  
13 **the task force.**

14       **(9) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided in**  
15 **ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to an**  
16 **interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to criminal**  
17 **procedure as appropriate no later than October 1, 2014.**

18       **(10) The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission shall provide staff**  
19 **support to the task force.**

20       **(11) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation,**  
21 **but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other ex-**  
22 **penses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in**  
23 **the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for ex-**  
24 **penses shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Oregon Criminal**  
25 **Justice Commission for purposes of the task force.**

26       **(12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are**  
27 **directed to assist the task force in the performance of its duties and,**  
28 **to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish**  
29 **such information and advice as the members of the task force consider**  
30 **necessary to perform their duties.**

31       **SECTION 2.** **Section 1 of this 2013 Act is repealed on the date of the**

1 convening of the 2015 regular session of the Legislative Assembly as  
2 specified in ORS 171.010.

3 SECTION 3. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-  
4 ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-  
5 clared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect on its passage.

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