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Open Government Impact Statement

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Measure: HB 2210

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SUMMARY

Conforms felony jury verdict statute with constitutional rule requiring guilty verdicts to be unanimous. Requires not guilty verdicts in cases involving felonies to be unanimous.

Establishes process by which person with qualifying conviction based on nonunanimous jury verdict may apply to have conviction set aside.

Directs district attorneys to make reasonable efforts to identify convictions based on nonunanimous jury verdicts and notify convicted person of ability to set aside conviction.

OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

Legislative Counsel has not adopted standards for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records.

This measure requires a court to seal the record of a set aside conviction and other official records in the case, including the records of arrest, citation and charge.

If those public records were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the public could gain additional information related to convictions that were later set aside.