Jury Selection

C.C.P. 231 (Amended) (Ch. 33) (SB 843) (Effective 1/1/2017) From now until 2021, peremptory challenges in misdemeanor cases are reduced from ten to six. In co-defendant cases, each defendant is entitled to two additional peremptory challenges.

Beginning January 1, 2017, and until January 1, 2021, reduces from ten to six the number of peremptory challenges for each side in a misdemeanor criminal case. Previously, each side was limited to six peremptory challenges when the charged offense was punishable by a maximum of 90 days in. Now six is the maximum number if the offense charged is punishable by a maximum of one year in jail. Provides that when two or more defendants are jointly tried, each defendant is entitled to two additional challenges that may be exercised separately. Previously, each defendant in a multi-defendant case was entitled to four additional peremptory challenges.

