

**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 2 OF THE LIBERIAN CODE OF LAWS
REVISED, CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAW, CHAPTER 20 RELATING TO
THE CONDUCT OF THE TRIAL**

*It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Liberia in
Legislature Assembled:*

SECTION 1: "An act to amend Title 2 of the Liberian Code of Laws Revised, Criminal Procedure Law, Chapter 20 relating to the Conduct of the Trial."

SECTION 2: Sections 20.1, 20.8 and 20.11 of Chapter 20 of the Criminal Procedure Law, Chapter 20, Conduct of the Trial, are hereby amended to read as follows:

§20.1 Right to trial by jury

1. Actions in which applicable. The defendant is entitled to trial by jury in a criminal action in which he is charged with any crime other than petit larceny, or a first, second, or third degree misdemeanor in keeping with Section 7.3(b) of the Judiciary Law.

§20.8. Instructions to the jury

1. Prior to retirement of the jury. At the close of the evidence or at such earlier time during the trial as the court reasonably directs, any party may file written requests that the court shall instruct the jury on the law as set forth in his request. At the same time copies of such requests shall be furnished to adverse parties. The court shall inform counsel of its proposed action upon the requests prior to their arguments to the jury, but the court shall instruct the jury after the argument are completed in writing, a copy of which shall be provided to each juror. The court shall instruct the jury on every issue of law arising out of the facts even though no requests to charge thereon have been submitted by counsel. The court shall instruct the jury in writing if requested and may give its instructions in writing on its own motion. No party may assign as error all or any portion of the charge or any omission there from unless he excepts thereto before the jury retires to consider its verdict.

§20.11. Verdict

2. Form of Verdict. The verdict shall be three-fourths and shall be guilty or not guilty. If different offenses are charged in the indictment, the jurors shall, if they convict the defendant, make it appear by their verdict on which counts, if the indictment is divided into counts, or of

what offenses, they find him guilty. If after the jury has been kept together for a reasonable time, the court is satisfied that there is no prospect of a three-fourths majority verdict, the court shall discharge the jury and direct a new trial before another empanelled jury.

This law shall take effective immediately upon publication into handbills.

ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-THIRD
LEGISLATURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

HOUSE'S ENDORSEMENT TO SENATE'S ENGROSSED
BILLS NO. 21 ENTITLED:

"AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 2 OF THE LIBERIAN
CODE OF LAWS REVISED, CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
LAW, CHAPTER 20 RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF
THE TRIAL"

On motion, Bill read. On motion, the Bill was adopted on its
first reading and sent to Committee Room on Tuesday,
September 4, 2012 @ 14:05 G.M.T.

On motion, the Bill was taken from Committee Room for its
second reading. On motion, under the suspension of the rule,
the second reading of the Bill constituted its third and final
reading, and the Bill was adopted, passed into the full force of
law, and ordered endorsed today, Thursday, September 6,
2012 @ 12:10 G.M.T.


CHIEF CLERK, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, R.L.

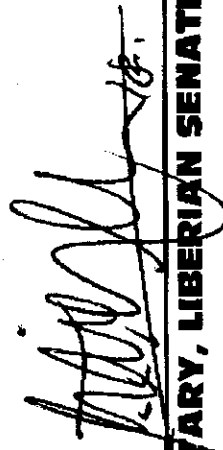
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SENATE'S ENGROSSED BILL NO. 21 ENTITLED:

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OF THE TRIAL"

On motion, Bill read. On motion, the Bill was adopted on its
first reading and sent to Committee Room on Thursday, August
30, 2012 @ 13:45 G.M.T.

On motion, Bill taken from the Committee Room for its second
reading. On motion, under the suspension of the rule, the
second reading of the Bill constituted its third and final reading
and the Bill was adopted, passed into the full force of the law
and ordered engrossed today, Monday, September 3, 2012 @
13:38 G.M.T.


SECRETARY, LIBERIAN SENATE, R.L.

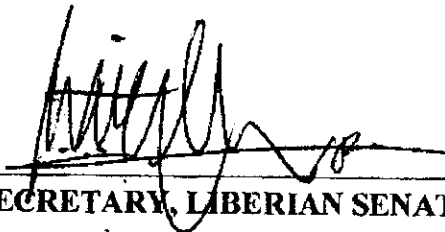
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ATTESTATION

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VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA/PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



THE SECRETARY, LIBERIAN SENATE



THE SPEAKER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



THE CHIEF CLERK, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE



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FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

SCHEDULE OF SENATE'S ENROLLED BILL NO. 28, ENTITLED:

"AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 2 OF THE LIBERIAN CODE OF LAWS REVISED,
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAW, CHAPTER 20 RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF
THE TRIAL"

PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA FOR
EXECUTIVE APPROVAL.

APPROVED THIS 14th DAY OF December A.D. 2012
AT THE HOUR OF 11:25 A.M.



THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

