

JAMAICA

No. 24-2010

I assent,

[L.S.]

(Sgd) P. J. Allen  
Governor-General.

July 26, 2010

AN ACT to Amend the Jury Act.

[ July 27, 2010 ]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of Jamaica, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Jury (Amendment) Act, 2010, and shall be read and construed as one with the Jury Act (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act) and all amendments thereto.

Short title and construction.

2. Section 31 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (4) by—

Amendment of section 31 of principal Act.

(a) deleting the word “or” appearing at the end of paragraph (a);

- (b) renumbering paragraph (b) as paragraph (c) and inserting the following as paragraph (b)—

“ (b) for murder committed in any circumstances other than—

- (i) those specified in section 2(1)(a) to (f) of the Offences Against the Person Act; or
- (ii) murder upon the conviction of which section 3(1A) of the Offences Against the Person Act would apply,

a verdict of not less than nine jurors of conviction or acquittal for murder; or”.

Amendment  
of section 44  
of principal  
Act.

3. Section 44 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by deleting subsection (1) and inserting the following as subsections (1) and (1A)—

“ (1) On trials on indictment for—

- (a) murder committed in any of the circumstances specified in section 2(1)(a) to (f) of the Offences Against the Person Act, or murder upon the conviction of which section 3(1A) of that Act would apply; or
- (b) treason,

the unanimous verdict of the jury shall be necessary for the conviction or acquittal of any person for such murder or treason.

(1A) On trials on indictment for murder not falling within subsection (1)(a), after the lapse of two hours from the retirement of the jury a verdict of a majority of not less than nine to three, of conviction or acquittal of any person for such murder, may be received by the Court as the verdict of the jury.”.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 29th day of June, 2010.

DELROY H. CHUCK  
*Speaker.*

Passed in the Senate this 9th day of July, 2010.

OSWALD G. HARDING, O.J., C.D., Q.C.

*President.*

*This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the authenticated impression of the foregoing Act, and has been found by me to be a true and correct printed copy of the said Act.*

*Clerk to the Houses of Parliament.*