
Juries (Amendment) Ordinance 1981

No. 37 of 1981

I, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby make the following Ordinance under the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910*.

Dated 21 October 1981.

ZELMAN COWEN
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command,

P. DURACK
Attorney-General

An Ordinance to amend the *Juries Ordinance 1967*

Short title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Juries (Amendment) Ordinance 1981*.¹

Commencement

2. This Ordinance shall come into operation on such date as is fixed by the Minister of State for the Capital Territory by notice in the *Gazette*.

Principal Ordinance

3. In this Ordinance, "Principal Ordinance" means the *Juries Ordinance 1967*.²

4. After section 36 of the Principal Ordinance the following section is inserted:

Trial of challenge for cause

"36A. A challenge for cause shall be tried by the Judge presiding at the trial at which the challenge is made."

5. After section 44 of the Principal Ordinance the following section is inserted in Part X:

Interpretation

“44A. In this Part, ‘Supreme Court Rules’ means the Rules of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory.”.

Oath by jurors

6. Section 45 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting “the appropriate form in the Third Schedule” and substituting “the Supreme Court Rules”.

Oath by person in charge of jury

7. Section 46 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting “the appropriate form in the Third Schedule” and substituting “the Supreme Court Rules”.

View during trial

8. Section 47 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting from sub-section (2) “the appropriate Form in the Third Schedule” and substituting “the Supreme Court Rules”.

Affirmations

9. Section 48 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting sub-section (1) and substituting the following sub-section:

“(1) A person may, instead of making an oath in accordance with the Supreme Court Rules as required by this Ordinance, make an affirmation in accordance with those Rules.”.

Repeal of Third Schedule

10. The Third Schedule to the Principal Ordinance is repealed.

NOTES

1. Notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on 30 October 1981.
2. No. 47, 1967 as amended by No. 65, 1977; No. 46, 1978; No. 39, 1979.