

Petition

Legislative Restrictions on Jury Powers.

Any legislation, past or present, which contains language that prescribes the punishment for a crime and demands a jury to impose a certain form of punishment is repugnant to the Federal Constitution of the United States of America.

Such legislation is designed to strip a jury of one of its primary powers: Viz The power to impose appropriate punishment. Especially in cases of particularly heinous criminal activity.

Neither federal nor state legislators have the Constitutional authority to strip the people of any right.

A Jury, being a cross-section of the people in a district wherein a crime has allegedly been committed, are a direct representation of the those who must live and thrive there.

The power of such a jury is to bring the force of the people into the proceedings and ensure justice is carried out in accordance with the majority of the people they represent and live amongst.

Legislators may or may not reside in the district wherein a crime has been committed, therefore they have NO authority to overstep the power of a jury in deciding the appropriate form of punishment in much the same manner as legislators have no authority to strip a jury of the power to decide guilt or innocence.

We the people shall no longer permit our government to hold executive, legislative or judicial powers as being superior to the Civil Power.

We the people of the County of _____, State of _____, do hereby assemble under this petition and demand that any and all legislation which impedes upon the right of a jury to impose the punishment of their choosing by prescribing a specific form of punishment, be appropriately redacted or in cases of petty criminal activity, be repealed altogether.

Should the voice of the people fall on deaf ears, we will further assemble under a petition and demand that the governor pull both state and federal representatives from their seats and replace them for the remainder of the year until such time as new representatives can be elected under the appropriate procedures.

Refusing to bend to the will of the people shall result in immediate removal from office, by any means available to the people.

Signed _____,

A proud volunteer for the Militia of the State of _____.