

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 19.2-262.01, relating to voir dire*
3 *examination of persons called as jurors; criminal case.*

4 [S 325]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 19.2-262.01 as follows:**8 **§ 19.2-262.01. Voir dire examination of persons called as jurors.**

9 *In any criminal case, the court and counsel for either party shall have the right to examine under*
10 *oath any person who is called as a juror therein and shall have the right to ask such person or juror*
11 *directly any relevant question to ascertain whether the juror can sit impartially in either the guilt or*
12 *sentencing phase of the case. Such questions may include whether the person or juror is related to*
13 *either party, has any interest in the cause, has expressed or formed any opinion, or is sensible of any*
14 *bias or prejudice therein. The court and counsel for either party may inform any such person or juror*
15 *as to the potential range of punishment to ascertain if the person or juror can sit impartially in the*
16 *sentencing phase of the case. The party objecting to any juror may introduce competent evidence in*
17 *support of the objection, and if it appears to the court that the juror does not stand indifferent in the*
18 *cause, another shall be drawn or called and placed in his stead for the trial of that case.*

19 *A juror, knowing anything relative to the fact in issue, shall disclose the same in open court.*

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