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593.01 PETIT JURY.

Though a defendant in a criminal case is entitled to a verdict of 12 jurors, yet where he waives that right and agrees to accept a verdict of 11 jurors, he cannot later object. State v Zabrocki, 194 M 346, 260 NW 507.

Juror's concealment of facts on voir dire examination as constituting contempt; admissibility of evidence of juror's statements during deliberation. 17 MLR 654.

Jury trial in France. 29 MLR 376.

Use of special juries. 31 MLR 232.

593.02 NO SEX DISQUALIFICATION.

In the selection of jurors to pass upon the liberty and property of citizens, there must be no discrimination against any particular class because of race, sex, or occupation. Although in the instant case the board's discrimination against women cannot be justified, mandamus will not lie at the suit of the voter to compel the board to annul the lists and prepare new lists. The remedy is that any person having a case for trial by a jury drawn from the panel selected from the lists thus prepared would have a right to interpose a challenge to the panel. State ex rel v Renville County Board, 171 M 177, 213 NW 545.

593.04 QUALIFICATIONS, DISABILITIES, AND EXEMPTIONS.

Disqualification of governmental employees as jurors in criminal cases for implied bias. 21 MLR 609.

593.12 TALESMEN.

The discharge of the whole or any part of a jury panel rests in the sound discretion of the trial court. Leystrom v City of Ada, 110 M 340, 125 NW 507; State v Lundgren, 124 M 162, 144 NW 752; State v Waddell, 187 M 191, 245 NW 140; 197 M 475, 254 NW 627.

593.13 SELECTION OF JURORS.

Names of persons drawn for jury service should be stricken from jury list even though no term of court is held. 1944 OAG 71, Sept. 18, 1943 (260-A-8).

Changes in method of selecting jurors. 1 MLR 542.

593.14 JURORS, SELECTED IN COUNTIES HAVING MORE THAN 100,000 INHABITANTS.

Examination of prospective jurors on voir dire. 17 MLR 300.