

AN ACT relating to trial by jury in criminal cases.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 29A.270 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Defendants shall have the right to a jury trial in all criminal prosecutions, including prosecutions for violations of traffic laws, in the Circuit and District Courts. The defendant may request a jury trial at any time prior to the time his or her case is called for trial.
- (2) *The Commonwealth shall have the right to a jury trial in all criminal prosecutions for a violation of KRS 183.061, 189.520, 189A.010, 235.240, or 281A.210 in the Circuit and District Courts. The Commonwealth may request a jury trial at any time prior to the time the case is called for trial.*
- (3) There shall be no right to a jury trial in civil actions in which the amount in controversy does not exceed two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250).
- ~~(4)~~~~(3)~~ Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict the power of the judge to punish for contempt of court.