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~~{(a) In a trial in which the defendant is subject, on any single count, to a sentence of death, life imprisonment, or 20 years or more of imprisonment, except for common law offenses for which no specific penalty is provided by statute, BECAUSE OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SEEK A SENTENCE OF DEATH HAS BEEN GIVEN UNDER ARTICLE 27, § 412 OF THE CODE, each defendant is permitted 20 peremptory challenges and the State is permitted ten 10 peremptory challenges for each defendant.~~

(B) IN A CRIMINAL TRIAL IN WHICH THE DEFENDANT IS SUBJECT, ON ANY SINGLE COUNT, TO A SENTENCE OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT, INCLUDING A CASE IN WHICH NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SEEK A SENTENCE OF DEATH HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN UNDER ARTICLE 27, § 412 OF THE CODE, EXCEPT FOR THE COMMON LAW OFFENSES FOR WHICH NO SPECIFIC PENALTY IS PROVIDED BY STATUTE, EACH DEFENDANT IS PERMITTED 20 PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES AND THE STATE IS PERMITTED 10 PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES FOR EACH DEFENDANT.

(C) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (B) OF THIS SECTION, IN A CRIMINAL TRIAL IN WHICH THE DEFENDANT IS SUBJECT, ON ANY SINGLE COUNT, TO A SENTENCE OF 20 YEARS OR MORE, EXCEPT FOR COMMON LAW OFFENSES FOR WHICH NO SPECIFIC PENALTY IS PROVIDED BY STATUTE, EACH DEFENDANT IS PERMITTED 10 PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES AND THE STATE IS PERMITTED 5 PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES FOR EACH DEFENDANT.

~~{b} (D) In all other cases, each party is permitted four peremptory challenges;--all--defendants--are--considered--a--single party--for--this--purpose.~~

~~{1}--If--it--appears--that--the--trial--involves--two--or--more defendants--having--adverse--or--hostile--interest,--the--court--may allow--additional--peremptory--challenges;~~

~~{2}--No--defendant--shall--be--allowed--more--than--four peremptory--challenges.--}-~~

~~{A}--IN--A--TRIAL--IN--WHICH--THE--DEFENDANT--IS--SUBJECT,--ON--ANY SINGLE--COUNT,--TO--A--SENTENCE--OF--DEATH--BECAUSE--NOTICE--OF--INTENTION TO--SEEK--A--SENTENCE--OF--DEATH--HAS--BEEN--GIVEN--UNDER--ARTICLE--27,--§ 412--OF--THE--CODE,--EACH--DEFENDANT--IS--PERMITTED--20--PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES--AND--THE--STATE--IS--PERMITTED--20--PEREMPTORY--CHALLENGES FOR--EACH--DEFENDANT.~~

~~{B}--(1)--IN--ANY--OTHER--CASE,--WHERE--THE--PENALTY--FOR--ANY--SINGLE COUNT--EXCEEDS--20--YEARS,--THE--DEFENDANT--IS--PERMITTED--10--PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES,--AND--THE--STATE--IS--PERMITTED--6--PEREMPTORY--CHALLENGES.~~

~~{2}--IN--ANY--OTHER--CASE,--EACH--PARTY--IS--PERMITTED--4 PEREMPTORY--CHALLENGES.~~

~~{C}--(1)--IN--ANY--CASE--PROVIDED--FOR--IN--SUBSECTION--(B)--OF--THIS SECTION,--MULTIPLE--DEFENDANTS--ARE--CONSIDERED--A--SINGLE--PARTY.~~