

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Read 1° 25 February 1987

(*Brought in by the Honourable J. H. Kennan*)

## A BILL

to abolish grand juries, to amend the *Crimes Act* 1958 and the *Juries Act* 1967 and for other purposes.

### Crimes (Grand Juries) Act 1987

The Parliament of Victoria enacts as follows:

#### **Purpose.**

1. The purpose of this Act is to abolish grand juries.

#### **Commencement.**

- 5 2. This Act comes into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

#### **Abolition of grand juries.**

3. (1) Section 354 of the *Crimes Act* 1958 is repealed.

No 6231.  
Reprinted to  
No. 10094.  
Subsequently  
amended by  
Nos. 10152,  
10233, 10244,  
10249, 10260,  
16/1986,  
37/1986,  
101/1986,  
102/1986,  
110/1986,  
111/1986,  
117/1986,  
124/1986  
and 127/1986.

(2) In section 351 of the *Crimes Act* 1958 omit “shall be prosecuted by indictment only,”.

No 7651.  
Reprinted to  
No 9902  
Subsequently  
amended by  
Nos. 10089,  
10191, 10245,  
10260, 110/1986  
and 117/1986

(3) In section 39 of the *Juries Act* 1967 omit “and on a criminal inquest a member of the grand jury which returned the true bill may be challenged for cause”.

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### **Transitional provision.**

4. The repeal by this Act of section 354 of the *Crimes Act* 1958 does not—

- (a) affect the operation of any order made by the Full Court under that section before the commencement of this Act; or
- (b) prevent a grand jury from being summoned, sworn and acting under such an order; or
- (c) affect any indictment resulting from the deliberations of the grand jury.

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