



# Criminal Justice Act 1967

## 1967 CHAPTER 80

### PART I

#### CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, ETC.

##### *Miscellaneous provisions as to evidence, procedure and trial*

#### **13 Majority verdicts of juries in criminal proceedings.**

- (1) Subject to the following provisions of this section, the verdict of a jury in criminal proceedings need not be unanimous if—
  - (a) in a case where there are not less than eleven jurors, ten of them agree on the verdict; and
  - (b) in a case where there are ten jurors, nine of them agree on the verdict;and a verdict authorised by this subsection is hereafter in this section referred to as "a majority verdict".
- (2) A court shall not accept a majority verdict of guilty unless the foreman of the jury has stated in open court the number of jurors who respectively agreed to and dissented from the verdict.
- (3) A court shall not accept a majority verdict unless it appears to the court that the jury have had not less than two hours for deliberation or such longer period as the court thinks reasonable having regard to the nature and complexity of the case.