

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Read 1° 28 October 1986

(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 1986

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 (1) Section 354 of the *Crimes Act 1958* is repealed.

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

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No. 6231.
Reprinted to
No. 10094.
Subsequently
amended by
Nos. 10152,
10233, 10244,
10249, 10260,
16/1986 and
37/1986.

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

(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”.

Transitional provision.

4. The repeal by this Act of section 354 of the *Crimes Act* 1958 does not— 5

- (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 10
- (c) affect any indictment resulting from the deliberations of the grand jury.