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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

(As presented)

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Juries (Peremptory Challenges) Amendment Bill 2025

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Juries Act 1967*

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

1	1	Name of Act
2		This Act is the <i>Juries (Peremptory Challenges) Amendment Act 2025</i> .
3	2	Commencement
4		This Act commences 6 months after its notification day.
5	<i>Note</i>	The naming and commencement provisions automatically commence on
6		the notification day (see Legislation Act , s 75 (1)).
7	3	Legislation amended
8		This Act amends the <i>Juries Act 1967</i> .
9	4	Expanded juries in some criminal trials
10		Section 31A (3)
11		<i>omit</i>
12		8 peremptory challenges
13		<i>substitute</i>
14		4 peremptory challenges
15	5	Section 31A (3) (a) to (c)
16		<i>substitute</i>
17		(a) if the judge directs that 13 or 14 jurors be empanelled—
18		references to 5 peremptory challenges; or
19		(b) if the judge directs that 15 jurors be empanelled—references to
20		6 peremptory challenges; or
21		(c) if the judge directs that 16 jurors be empanelled—references to
22		7 peremptory challenges.

1 **6 Challenges at criminal trials**
2 **Section 34 (1) (a) and (2) (a)**

3 *omit*

4 8 peremptory challenges

5 *substitute*

6 4 peremptory challenges

Endnotes

1 Presentation speech

Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 3 December 2025.

2 Notification

Notified under the [Legislation Act](#) on 2025.

3 Republications of amended laws

For the latest republication of amended laws, see www.legislation.act.gov.au.
