

1 AN ACT relating to courts.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 29A.270 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) Defendants shall have the right to a jury trial in all criminal prosecutions, including  
5 prosecutions for violations of traffic laws, in the Circuit and District Courts. The  
6 defendant may request a jury trial at any time prior to the time his *or her* case is  
7 called for trial.
- 8 (2) There shall be no right to a jury trial in civil actions in which the amount in  
9 controversy does not exceed two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250).
- 10 (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict the power of the judge to  
11 punish for contempt of court.