

**§701. Criminal prosecutions by indictment; excepted cases**

No person shall be held to answer in any court for an alleged offense, unless on an indictment found by a grand jury, except for contempt of court and in the following cases:

**1. Use of charging instrument other than an indictment.** When a prosecution utilizing a charging instrument other than an indictment is expressly authorized by rule of court; or [PL 1997, c. 4, §1 (RPR).]

**2. District Courts and courts martial.** In proceedings before the District Court, the District Court acting as a juvenile court and courts martial.

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 1971, c. 544, §49 (AMD). PL 1979, c. 663, §94 (AMD). PL 1997, c. 4, §1 (AMD).

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