

The System of People's Jury in Henan Province

——a View of the System of People's Assessors reform

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Abstract

In China, the system of People's Jury has been implemented on a trial basis in Henan Province since 2009 as an attempting step to reform the existing system of People's Assessors. Firstly, this paper makes a brief introduction and presents the merits of the system of People's Jury, then summaries the current academic debating on the implementation of this system. Furthermore, this paper points out some existing problems in the implementation process of the System based on the recent public documents. Finally, by analyzing the trials in the Supreme People's Court in Henan Province since 2009, this paper clarifies the deficiencies of the system of People's Jury in practice. This paper also confirms the necessities of establishing the system of People's Jury. At the end of 2012, the Supreme People's Court also made recommendations to the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress to consider the implementation of this system in the judicial reforms. This paper is the pioneering study of focusing on reform trends of the System of People's Assessors in Japanese literatures.