LEGISLATIVE BILL 329

Approved by the Governor March 23, 1983 Introduced by Goodrich, 20

AN ACT to amend section 25-1641, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1982, relating to juror selection; to change provisions relating to the selection of petit jurors as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

That section 25-1641, Revised Section 1. Statutes Supplement, 1982, be amended to read as follows: 25-1641. Unless the judge or judges shall order that no jury be drawn, at the jury commissioner shall select a list of petit jurors in the manner directed by the judge or judges pursuant to this section. At least ten days before the first day of any jury term of the district court, or ten days before the day the jury is otherwise directed to report, three of the judges of the court, if there be three, or one of the judges if there be less than three, or a county judge or a municipal judge or the sheriff or such other elective officer of the county as the judge or judges may designate shall appear at the office of the jury commissioner, who, in the presence of such judge or judges or the sheriff or other officer of the county so designated by the judge or judges, shall select by chance the names of thirty persons or such number as the judge or judges may otherwise direct, for each judge sitting with a jury in such court, as petit jurors for such term. The person selecting the names may use an electrical or mechanical system or device in carrying out his or her duties pursuant to this section.

If an electronic or mechanical system or device is used to select the petit jurors, the judge or judges or the sheriff or other elective officer so designated need not be personally present at the office of the jury commissioner during such selection. In lieu thereof, the presiding judge or his or her designated representative may direct the jury commissioner to select at random from the proposed jury list a specified number of petit jurors for such term of court or, if more than one jury panel is summoned during such term, for each such panel.

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Statutes Supplement, 1982, is repealed.