

1969 Senate Bill 81

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AN ACT to amend 255.04 (2) (a) and 255.05 of the statutes, relating to the number of names available for drawing jurors.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 255.04 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

255.04 (2) (a) The commissioners shall annually before the first Monday in April provide for each court covered by sub. (1), unless the judge or judges thereof otherwise order, one list of not less than 300 nor more than ~~500~~ 1,000 names of persons to be drawn from the county and apportioned as nearly as practicable among towns, villages and wards of cities thereof in proportion to population according to the last national census, to serve as petit jurors. The commissioners may, ~~from time to time,~~ revise said list by striking from it the names of persons found by them to be ineligible for jury service, and ~~to~~ add thereto the names of additional persons as provided in s. 255.05. Such list shall be certified by the commissioners as having been prepared in strict conformity with the statutes thereto appertaining.

SECTION 2. 255.05 of the statutes is amended to read:

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255.05 Whenever after the expiration of the time prescribed for the drawing of petit jurors for the next regular term or during any term of court there is a partial or entire absence of jurors of the regular or reserve-panel or both, from any cause whatever, or whenever it becomes apparent to the court or the trial judge that the regular panel and the reserve-panel as drawn will not be sufficient to provide a jury for a particular cause to be tried at the current or next term of court, the court or judge may order the clerk, in his presence, to draw immediately from the tumbler a sufficient number of names, specifying the number, to fill the regular panel or a less or larger number as the public interest and the condition and character of the business shall require. Whenever the list of names furnished any such court has been depleted the commissioners shall supply other names so that there will not be less than 150 nor more than ~~500~~ 1,000 names in the tumbler at the time any drawing of jurors takes place. Such names shall be written on cards which shall be placed in envelopes and put into the tumbler as hereinbefore provided.

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