

SENATE BILL NO. 139

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE PORTION OF JURY LISTS SELECTED FROM REGISTERED ELECTORS WILL INCLUDE ONLY REGISTERED ACTIVE ELECTORS; ~~AND~~ AMENDING SECTION 3-15-402, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 3-15-402, MCA, is amended to read:

"3-15-402. Selection of qualified persons. The secretary of state shall select from the most recent list of all registered active electors, as defined in 13-1-101, and make a list of the names of all persons qualified to serve as trial jurors, as prescribed in part 3 of this chapter. The secretary of state shall then combine the resulting list with the list submitted to the secretary of state under 61-5-127, ensuring that a person's name does not appear on the combined list more than once. Each name appearing on the combined list must be assigned a number that must be placed opposite the name on the combined list and must be considered the number of the juror opposite whose name it appears. A person's name may not appear on a combined list for more than one court during a 1-year term."

NEW SECTION. SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. [THIS ACT] IS EFFECTIVE ON PASSAGE AND APPROVAL.

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