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Senate File 492

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SENATE FILE 492

BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the method of selecting petit jurors.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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2 as follows:

3 609.24 DETAILS OF DRAWING.

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5 shall, ~~at the time of the drawing,~~ be first thoroughly shaken  
6 in the presence of the commissioners attending the drawing,  
7 ~~and thereupon.~~ Next the seal on the opening of the box shall  
8 be broken, ~~likewise~~ in the presence of the commissioners.  
9 One of ~~said~~ the commissioners shall then, without looking  
10 at the ballots, successively draw the required number of names  
11 from the box, and successively pass ~~said~~ the ballots to one  
12 of the other commissioners, who shall open ~~said~~ the ballots  
13 as they are drawn, and read aloud the names ~~thereon on the~~  
14 ballots, and enter ~~said~~ the names in writing on an appropriate  
15 list.

16 2. Instead of the method provided in subsection 1 for  
17 the drawing of ballots, a computer selection process may be  
18 used.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill provides an alternate method of selecting petit  
21 jurors. The bill permits a computer selection process in  
22 addition to drawing ballots from the box.

23 The bill would take effect July 1 following its enactment.

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ROBERT T. ANDERSON  
President of the Senate

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DONALD D. AVENSON  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 492, Seventieth General Assembly.

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K. MARIE THAYER  
Secretary of the Senate

Approved May 12 1983

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TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
Governor