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HOUSE FILE 279

Judiciary, Pass 2-28

Sen. " 3-25

By RENDA

Passed House, Date 3-24-69 Passed Senate, Date 5-14-69

Vote: Ayes 110 Nays 3 Vote: Ayes 40 Nays 0

Approved

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the separation of jurors in criminal cases.
- 2 *Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*
- 3 Section 1. Section seven hundred eighty point nineteen
- 4 (780.19), Code 1966, is hereby repealed and the following
- 5 enacted in lieu thereof:
- 6 "The jurors sworn to try an indictment, in the discretion
- 7 of the court, may be permitted to separate as in civil cases
- 8 or may be kept together in the charge of proper officers."
- 9 Sec. 2. Section seven hundred eighty point twenty (780.20),
- 10 Code 1966, is hereby amended by striking from lines two (2)
- 11 and three (3) the words "during the adjournment of the court,".

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 279

This bill would allow juries in criminal cases to separate, at the discretion of the court, after final submission of the case to them because facilities for bedding jurors in courthouses are grossly inadequate and have resulted in mistrials being declared by the Supreme Court.