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SENATE FILE 563

By COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Passed Senate, Date 5-2-69 Passed House, Date 5-19-69

Vote: Ayes 41 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 49 Nays 2

Approved .....

## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to jurors.
- 2 *Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*
- 3 Section 1. Chapter four hundred (400), section one hundred
- 4 forty-three (143), Acts of the Sixty-second General Assembly,
- 5 is hereby amended by inserting in line eight (8) after the
- 6 word "months" the following:
- 7 " , however, a judge of the district court may, in his
- 8 discretion, require that a new petit jury panel be drawn be-
- 9 fore the expiration of the periods of service herein required".

### EXPLANATION OF SENATE FILE 563

Persons required to serve jury duty for two and three-month periods often develop personal likes and dislikes among the attorneys trying cases before them. They also tend to acquire prejudices either for or against particular types of cases tried before them. The ability of such "stale" jurors to make impartial decisions in such cases may be affected. This bill permits a district court judge who becomes aware of this problem to require the drawing of a new jury panel.

- 1 Amend Senate File 563 by adding the following:
- 2 "After an individual juror has served in two or more
- 3 trials the court shall on that juror's request discharge
- 4 him from the panel. A juror serves in a trial within
- 5 this section when he has been sworn as a juror for that
- 6 trial whether or not the trial is completed to a verdict.
- 7 Jurors may be added to the panel as needed."

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