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SYNOPSIS

Permits county resident to volunteer for jury service.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/9/2014)

1 AN ACT concerning voluntary jury service and amending
2 N.J.S.2B:20-2 and supplementing Title 2B of the New Jersey
3 Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. N.J.S. 2B:20-2 is amended to read as follows:

9 2B:20-2. a. The names of persons eligible for jury service shall
10 be selected from a single juror source list of county residents whose
11 names and addresses shall be obtained from a merger of the
12 following lists: registered voters, licensed drivers, filers of State
13 gross income tax returns, **[and]** filers of homestead rebate or credit
14 application forms and a separate, voluntary list of persons available
15 for jury service including but not limited to persons who are retired,
16 or employed part-time, compiled annually by the county clerk of
17 each county. The county election board, the county clerk, the
18 **[Division of Motor Vehicles]** New Jersey Motor Vehicle
19 Commission and the State Division of Taxation shall provide these
20 lists annually to the Assignment Judge of the county. The
21 Assignment Judge may provide for the merger of additional lists of
22 persons eligible for jury service that may contribute to the breadth
23 of the juror source list. Merger of the lists of eligible jurors into a
24 single juror source list shall include a reasonable attempt to
25 eliminate duplication of names, except that persons whose names
26 appear on the separate, voluntary list of persons available for jury
27 service shall not be eliminated for duplication, and may appear up
28 to two times in a merged juror source list.

29 b. The juror source list shall be compiled once a year or more
30 often as directed by the Assignment Judge.

31 c. The juror source list may be expanded by the Supreme Court
32 as it deems appropriate.

33 (cf: P.L.2007, c.62, s.41)
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35 2. (New section). a. Every county clerk shall annually
36 maintain a list which shall consist of the names of county residents
37 who opt to be listed as persons volunteering to serve as grand or
38 petit jurors for the county for a period of one year from the date of
39 registration. The list shall be compiled from data submitted by any
40 person seeking to volunteer as a prospective juror, in any form
41 deemed appropriate by the county clerk, which can include paper or
42 electronic submission. The data submitted shall indicate the name
43 and address of the prospective volunteer juror, the date the year-
44 long commitment shall begin, any restriction as to whether the
45 person is volunteering for grand or petit juror service and shall be

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 signed by the prospective volunteer juror. This list shall be separate
2 from any other list used for the preparation of the juror source list
3 for the county, and shall be submitted to the Assignment Judge of
4 the county at the same time the county board of elections shall
5 annually submit the list of registered voters of the county to the
6 Assignment Judge. The county clerk shall then start a new list.

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8 3. The Supreme Court of the State of New Jersey shall adopt
9 Rules of Court appropriate or necessary to effectuate the purpose of
10 this act.

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12 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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15 STATEMENT

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17 At present, county juror source lists are compiled from a merger
18 of lists including registered voters, licensed drivers, filers of State
19 gross income tax returns and filers of homestead rebate or credit
20 application forms. This bill would add a new list, consisting of
21 persons volunteering to serve as grand or petit jurors for the county.

22 Under the bill, every county clerk shall annually maintain a list
23 which shall consist of the names of county residents who opt to be
24 listed as persons volunteering to serve as grand or petit jurors for
25 the county for a period of one year from the date of registration.
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27 seeking to volunteer as a prospective juror, in any form deemed
28 appropriate by the county clerk, which can include paper or
29 electronic submission. The data submitted shall indicate the name
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38 Assignment Judge.