

Sixty-first  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO. 2119**

Introduced by

Judiciary Committee

(At the request of the Supreme Court)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 29-17-03 and 29-17-13 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to selection of prospective jurors; and to repeal sections 29-17-05,  
3 29-17-06, 29-17-07, 29-17-08, 29-17-10, and 29-17-11 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
4 relating to selection of jurors.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 29-17-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **29-17-03. Clerk to prepare ballots selection of juror names - Randomized list.** At  
9 the opening of the court, the clerk shall ~~prepare separate ballots, each containing the name of a~~  
10 ~~person returned as a juror. Such ballots must be folded as nearly alike as possible and so that~~  
11 ~~the name cannot be seen, and must be deposited in a sufficient box~~ select the names of  
12 prospective jurors from a randomized list of names developed in accordance with chapter  
13 27-09.1 and supreme court rule.

14 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 29-17-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
15 amended and reenacted as follows:

16 **29-17-13. Number failing, others summoned.** If a sufficient number of jurors cannot  
17 be ~~obtained from the box~~ selected to form a trial jury, the court, as often as is necessary, may  
18 order the sheriff to summon from the body of the county as many persons qualified to serve as  
19 jurors as the court deems sufficient to form a jury. The jurors so summoned may be called from  
20 the list returned by the sheriff, and as many of them not excused or discharged as may be  
21 necessary to complete the jury must be impaneled and sworn.

22 **SECTION 3. REPEAL.** Sections 29-17-05, 29-17-06, 29-17-07, 29-17-08, 29-17-10,  
23 and 29-17-11 of the North Dakota Century Code are repealed.