

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23 and 29-17-11 of the North Dakota Century Code are repealed.