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(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the commissioners of jurors to select all names for the annual jury list from both the list of qualified driver licensees and the list of registered voters.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Existing law

In the selection of names for the annual jury list, the commissioners of jurors have the following two options (R.C. 2313.08(B)):

(1) They may select all names from the list of electors certified by the board of elections (hereafter registered voters).

(2) They may select all names from the list of qualified driver licensees certified by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles and from the list of registered voters.

Operation of the bill

The bill removes the first option and requires the commissioners of jurors to select all names for the annual jury list from the list of qualified driver licensees certified by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles and from the list of registered voters (R.C. 2313.08(B)).

Background

The commissioners of jurors annually makes up a new and complete jury list and certifies and files it in their office before the beginning of each jury year.¹ The names are entered in a suitable book or record, known as the "annual jury

¹ Generally, the jury year in each county begins on the first Monday of August.

list." The names on the annual jury list must be arranged alphabetically so far as practicable and under convenient divisions by precincts, districts, and townships, and the annual jury list must be properly indexed. With each name must be recorded the person's occupation, place of business, place of residence, duration of residence in Ohio, citizenship status, date of birth, and social security number, as nearly as they can be ascertained. A duplicate of the list must be certified by the commissioners and filed in the office of the clerk of the court of common pleas. The commissioners may, by order of the court, add to the list, or enter on a supplementary list, the names of persons who thereafter are discovered to be qualified to serve as jurors.

In the selection of the names for the annual jury list, the commissioners generally must assign a consecutive number to each name, starting with one, and must use a key number that is designated by the court. The commissioners must select the name of each prospective juror, starting with the name that corresponds to a randomly selected number that may range from the number one to the key number, and proceeding accordingly in the numerical sequence of the key number so designated, until the required number of prospective jurors has been selected.

Automation data processing procedures and visual display apparatus may be utilized in the selection of the names for the annual jury list, and in the actual compilation of the list. (R.C. 2313.08.)

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