

## Session 116 - (2005-2006)

**S\*0578 (Rat #0211, Act #0224 of 2006) General Bill, By Martin and Ford**

**Similar (H 3261)**

**Summary:** Use of the computer when drawing and summoning jurors

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 14-7-140, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE USE OF THE COMPUTER BY A COUNTY FOR DRAWING AND SUMMONING JURORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT COMPUTER SOFTWARE EMPLOYED FOR THIS PURPOSE MUST BE DESIGNED SO AS TO ENSURE A RANDOM SELECTION OF JURORS FROM THE POPULATION AVAILABLE FOR JURY DUTY, TO PROVIDE THAT PHYSICAL PRESENCE OF JURY COMMISSIONERS IS NOT REQUIRED, THE DRAWING AND SUMMONING MUST TAKE PLACE PUBLICLY IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT, AND THE SUPREME COURT SHALL DIRECT BY ORDER APPROPRIATE PROCEDURES REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 14-7-230, RELATING TO PROCEDURE FOR DRAWING A JUROR, SO AS DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT IT BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH EITHER A PERSON WHO IS TOTALLY BLIND OR BY A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF TEN YEARS OLD, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CLERK OF COURT TO DESIGNATE A RESPONSIBLE AND IMPARTIAL PERSON OR BY COMPUTER SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 14-7-140; AND TO AMEND SECTION 14-7-1060, RELATING TO CLERK OF COURT WRITING THE NAMES OF JURORS ON SEPARATE PIECES OF PAPER, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THIS PROCEDURE IS NOT REQUIRED IF A COMPUTER IS USED TO DRAW THE NAMES OF JURORS, TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF TEN OR A BLIND PERSON BE USED TO DRAW A JURY, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CLERK, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE, TO DESIGNATE A RESPONSIBLE AND IMPARTIAL PERSON TO DRAW CAPSULES TO SELECT THE JURORS. - ratified title

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