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 4/18/2012 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Weeks

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 4/24/2012 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 48](file:///h%3A%5Chj%20archive%5C2012%5C04-24-12.docx))

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 4/27/2012 Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Rankin (ch), Hutto, Bright, Davis

 5/30/2012 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 14](file:///h%3A%5Csj%20archive%5C2012%5C05-30-12.docx))

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**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 14‑7‑110 AND SECTION 14‑7‑140, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO JURY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE SUMMONING OF JURORS IN CIRCUIT COURT AND THE USE OF A COMPUTER FOR THE DRAWING AND SUMMONING OF JURORS IN CIRCUIT COURT, RESPECTIVELY, BOTH SO AS TO DELETE REFERENCES TO JURY COMMISSIONERS AND ALLOW THE CLERK OF COURT OR THE DEPUTY CLERK TO PERFORM THE FUNCTION OF DRAWING AND SUMMONING JURORS.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**Courts, summoning of jurors by clerk of court**

SECTION 1. Section 14‑7‑110 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

 “Section 14‑7‑110. The clerk of the court of common pleas of each county in this State shall perform the duties provided in this article for the summoning of jurors.”

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SECTION 2. Section 14‑7‑140 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 224 of 2006, is further amended to read:

 “Section 14‑7‑140. Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, the clerk of court or deputy clerk of court of a county, when drawing and summoning jurors for the court of common pleas, general sessions, or the grand jury, may utilize a computer for this purpose at the discretion of the governing body of the county. Computer software employed for the purpose of drawing and summoning jurors must be designed so as to ensure a random selection of jurors from the population available for jury service. The computerized drawing and summoning of jurors must take place in the office of the clerk of court as a public event to ensure the absolute integrity of the random selection process. The Supreme Court shall direct by order the appropriate procedures required to implement the provisions of this section.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 6th day of June, 2012.

Approved the 7th day of June, 2012.

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