

CHAPTER 579

(House Bill 390)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Article 51, Section 8 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition) as enacted by Chapter 55, Section 7 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1950, title "Jurors", relating generally to the selection of juries and jurors in certain counties, and increasing the number of names on the list from which the jury is to be drawn in Prince George's County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 8 of Article 51 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1951 Edition, as enacted by Chapter 55, Section 7 of said Act, title "Jurors", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

8. It shall be the duty of the judges of the circuit courts for each of the counties, not less than fifteen days before the commencement of each term of the court at which jurors are required to attend, in the presence of such practicing members of the Bar of said court as shall think proper to attend, notice of the time and place having been first given to said Bar through the crier of said courts, to proceed to select from the lists last furnished by the clerks of the County Commissioners provided for in Section [7] 6 and from the poll books of the several election districts of said counties that shall be returned and filed in the clerk's office of said courts after any general election that may be last held previously to such election or from such other list of names as the Court may find available, a panel to consist of the names of 200 persons in each of Dorchester and Wicomico Counties, and a panel to consist of not less than one hundred and fifty (150) nor more than three hundred (300) names in each of the several counties of Washington, Montgomery, Carroll, Frederick, [Prince George's,] Harford, Cecil, Charles, Calvert, Kent and Talbot, and in Prince George's County a panel to consist of not less than three hundred (300) nor more than four hundred (400) names, the names to be fairly and impartially selected of the age aforesaid by the said judges, with special reference to the intelligence, sobriety and integrity of such persons and without the least reference to their political opinions; and of the names of such persons when so selected, a list shall be made and a certificate thereto appended by the said judges that the said list of names has been duly selected in conformity with and according to the spirit and intent of this Article, and which said lists and certificates shall be filed with the clerks of the said courts and by them preserved as other proceedings of the said courts are kept. In the counties above mentioned the names drawn on the panel shall be distributed among the several election districts in approximately the same proportion as required for drawing the list of regular jurors. Modified as to Howard, Garrett, Allegany, Anne Arundel, Worcester, Somerset, St. Mary's, Caroline, Queen Anne's, and Talbot counties and special laws enacted. This

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken out of bill.