

CHAPTER 786

(House Bill 527)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 916 and 917 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (Everstine's 1953 Edition, being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, as enacted by Chapter 771 of the Acts of 1957), title "Prince George's County", sub-title "Jurors", providing for the selection, drawing and summoning of jurors for said county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 916 and 917 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (Everstine's 1953 Edition, being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, as enacted by Chapter 771 of the Acts of 1957), title "Prince George's County", sub-title "Jurors", be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

916. In Prince George's County there shall be procured by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said county a jury box of convenient size. When the names of the persons shall have been selected to serve as jurors by the judge or judges of the court in the manner prescribed in Article 51 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Jurors", the judge or judges may before the convening of the term of court to which said jurors are to be summoned, of the names so selected choose and appoint one who shall be foreman of the grand jury, and shall cause all the names selected, except the name of the foreman previously chosen, to be placed by said judge or judges in said box. It shall be the duty of the said judge or judges, when selecting the panel of not less than three hundred (300) nor more than four hundred (400) persons as provided for in Section 8 of Article 51 of the Code of Public General Laws (1951 Edition), to distribute the names of the persons on said panel substantially proportionate to the population of the respective election districts of said county as disclosed by the latest public census. The judge or judges, in addition to the foreman so selected, shall draw from said box in all not less than one hundred and twenty-seven (127) nor more than ~~one hundred and fifty-seven (157)]~~ *two hundred and thirty-three (233)*. Provided, that if the foreman so selected should die or for any cause should be disqualified or be excused by the Court, the said judge or judges, after drawing another name from the box may select and appoint any one of the jurors drawn as foreman in place of the foreman so dead, disqualified or excused. The names so drawn shall be duly recorded by the said judge or judges or by the Clerk in his or their presence and under his or their direction, in the order in which they shall be drawn. Thereupon forthwith the said judge or judges shall order a venire facias directed to the sheriff of the county, commanding him to summon as jurors to attend at the next ensuing term of said court the several persons whose names may be drawn as aforesaid; and if any such persons whose names are so drawn and are

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.