

name of the foreman, to be placed by said Judge, or either of them, in said compartments of said box, respectively, which bear the numbers of the districts where the persons so selected respectively reside. [and it shall be the duty of said Judges, or either of them, when selecting the panel of one hundred and fifty persons, as provided for in Section seven of Article 51 of the Code of Public General Laws, to distribute the names of the persons on said panel as nearly equal as may be possible among said compartments, and] *The said Judges, or either of them, when selecting the panel of one hundred and fifty persons as provided for in Section nine of Article 51 of the 1957 Code of Public General Laws, shall not be required to distribute the names of the persons on said panel as nearly equal as may be possible among said compartments, any law to the contrary notwithstanding, but said Judges may, or either of them, when selecting said panel, distribute the names of the persons on said panel among said compartments in such a way as to ensure, insofar as it may be practical to do so, that a certain number of jurors will be drawn from each of said election districts, but the number of names so distributed among said compartments, instead of being equal, may be, insofar as it may be practical to do so, distributed in the approximate ratio or proportion that the number of registered voters, or the number of taxable residents in each of said election districts bears to the total number of registered voters or taxable residents in Howard County; it being the intent and purpose of the foregoing provisions to permit said Judge or Judges to apportion the names of persons selected for jury service among the election districts of said County in accordance with the number of persons eligible for jury service in each of said election districts as the same may be determined, from time to time, by reference to the lists of registered voters or lists of taxable residents in said election districts. Nothing herein shall be construed to invalidate, nor shall invalidate the selection and drawing of said jury on the ground that said Judge or Judges failed to apportion, as aforesaid, said names with mathematical precision; it being the intent hereof to allow said Judge or Judges all reasonable latitude and discretion in selecting qualified persons for jury service with due regard to representation from all areas of said Howard County. [the] The said Judge or Judges, in addition to the foreman so selected, shall draw in all forty-seven names, [and from all the said compartments an equal number of names;] *said names to be drawn from said compartments in the approximate ratio or proportion that the names of the persons on the panel have been distributed among said compartments as hereinbefore provided, and provided, that after the foreman has been selected the district of his residence shall be carefully noted, and at said drawing one less name shall be drawn from the compartment representing the district in which he resides; and if the foreman so selected should die, or for any other cause be excused by the Court, the Judge or Judges, after drawing another name from the compartment representing the district in which the foreman originally selected and so dead or excused resided, may select and appoint any one of the jurors drawn as foreman in place of the foreman so dead or excused.**

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.*

Approved April 8, 1965.