

by Chapter 74 of the Acts of 1941, changing the method of distributing the jury panel among the election districts of Caroline County. AND CHANGING THE MANNER OF SELECTING THE JURY PANEL IN THE COUNTY.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 343 and 345 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Caroline County being Article 6 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, 1930 Edition, title "Caroline County", sub-title "Jurors", as last amended by Chapter 74 of the Acts of 1941, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

343.

It shall be the duty of the judges of the Circuit Court for said county or any one of them, not less than fifteen days before the beginning of each term of the court at which jurors are required to attend, in the presence of such members of the bar of said court as shall attend, notice of the time and place having been first given to said bar through the clerk of said court, to proceed to select from the list last furnished by the clerk of the county commissioners and from the poll-books of the several election districts of said county that shall have been returned and filed in the clerk's office of said court after any general election last held, a list that shall consist of the names of one hundred and fifty persons in said county, [divided as near as may be between all the election districts thereof,] fairly and impartially selected of the age aforesaid by the judges or judge, with special reference to the intelligence, sobriety and integrity of such persons and without the least reference to political opinion [.] . *The judges, when selecting the panel of one hundred and fifty persons, shall distribute the names of the persons on the panel in such a manner as to insure that a certain number of jurors will be drawn from each election district; however, the number so distributed need not be equal but may in the discretion of the judge be distributed in the approximate ratio or proportion that the number of registered voters or taxable residents in each POPULATION of the election districts bears to the total number of registered voters or taxable residents POPULATION of Caroline County. It is the intent and purpose of this provision to permit the 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 Caroline County. [and o] Of the names of such persons so selected a list shall be made and a certificate appended thereto by said judges or judge, that the said list of names has been duly selected in conformity with and according to the spirit of this Act, and the said list and certificate shall be filed with the clerk of said court and by him preserved as other proceedings of the court are kept.*