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(a) Whenever a judge, or the judges, of the Circuit Court for Howard County draws a jury, he or they, after selecting from the taxable and voters, as required by law, the list of names to be placed in the box for the drawing, and certifying to the list, shall cause the names on the list to be numbered, commencing with the first name thereon, numbering upwards consecutively and then, instead of requiring the names on the selected list to be written on ballots and placed in and drawn from the box, the said judge or judges drawing the jury, in his or their discretion, and option and in lieu of such written ballots, may cause the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Howard County to provide a number of white marbles or balls, each of the same size and plainly marked with numbers from one consecutively upwards to the highest number on the selected list of names certified to be said judge or judges, which said marbles or balls shall be placed in the box from which drawings are made in the case where ballots are used; where the drawings are made by districts, the marbles or balls shall be deposited in the district compartments in such way that their numbers shall correspond, in each district, with the names on the judge's or judges' selected list and the numbers thereof; the said judge, or judges, shall then cause the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Howard County, or one of his deputies whom the said judge or judges, shall designate, neither the one nor the other who may be so required to act to be present at the selection of the said list of names or the numbering of the same, to appear before him or them, and then and there in the presence of the said judge or judges, and such other persons as may choose to attend, to draw from the box in which the balls are placed, in the same order and way that ballots would be drawn, without in any way looking into said box, one by one forty eight *or seventy-three as the case may be* of said marbles or balls, and as each marble or ball is drawn from the box it shall be handed to the judge or judges, who shall announce the number thereon and the name on the said selected and certified list whose number corresponds therewith; and the forty-eight *or seventy-three as the case may be* names corresponding by numbers to the forty-eight *or seventy-three as the case may be* numbers on the marbles or balls so drawn, and the said numbers shall be duly recorded in the presence of the said judge or judges, who shall forthwith order a venire facias for the persons whose names have been so drawn. The forty-eight *or seventy-three as the case may be* marbles or balls drawn shall be placed in separate compartments of the box; the marbles or balls that were not drawn shall remain in the box, or boxes, wherein they were deposited, which shall be locked or sealed, to be used in filling vacancies that may occur in the jury, in the same way they might be filled if the drawings had been made by ballot.

(b) In drawing the Grand Jury the said judge or judges, in his or their discretion, and option, and in lieu of written ballots, may cause the list of jurors who have been summoned and are in attendance on the first day of the term of the court to which they are summoned, to be numbered consecutively upwards from one to forty-eight, *or seventy-three as the case may be* and may cause the Clerk of the Court to provide a number of white marbles or balls each of the same size and plainly numbered consecutively upwards from one to forty-eight, *or seventy-three as the case may be*, which said marbles or balls, except the one bearing the number correspond-