

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 said Judge or Judges, in addition to the foreman so selected, shall draw in all forty-seven names, *or when, in his or their discretion, he or they shall deem it necessary, shall draw in all seventy-three (73) 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, 1966.

Approved May 6, 1966.

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CHAPTER 529

(Senate Bill 201)

AN ACT to add new Section 126A to the Code of Public Local Laws of Worcester County (1961 Edition, being Article 24 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Worcester County", subtitle "Circuit Court", to follow immediately after Section 126 thereof, to empower the judge of the Circuit Court for Worcester County to employ a personal secretary, ~~stating the salary of the secretary and providing payment of same.~~ AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE FIXING OF THE SALARY BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That new Section 126A be and it is hereby added to the Code of