

No. 155

AN ACT

HB 1357

Amending the act of May 17, 1939 (P.L.157), entitled, as amended, "An act regulating the selection, drawing, and summoning of all jurors and talesmen, in counties of the second A and third class, and defining their qualifications in such counties; creating a jury board and defining its powers and procedure; providing for the appointment of a clerk to the jury board and fixing his maximum salary; providing for the custody of the jury wheel, and the filing and custody of jury lists; providing for the public drawing of jurors and the methods thereof; giving the trial judge the right to excuse jurors; prescribing the time of challenging jurors or the array, regulating the procedure if array is quashed; providing for the drawing of names of jurors from wheels heretofore filled; and repealing inconsistent acts," providing alternative methods of selecting jury panels.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The act of May 17, 1939 (P.L.157), entitled, as amended, "An act regulating the selection, drawing, and summoning of all jurors and talesmen, in counties of the second A and third class, and defining their qualifications in such counties; creating a jury board and defining its powers and procedure; providing for the appointment of a clerk to the jury board and fixing his maximum salary; providing for the custody of the jury wheel, and the filing and custody of jury lists; providing for the public drawing of jurors and the methods thereof; giving the trial judge the right to excuse jurors; prescribing the time of challenging jurors or the array, regulating the procedure if array is quashed; providing for the drawing of names of jurors from wheels heretofore filled; and repealing inconsistent acts," is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 3.1. Use of Electronic and/or Electro-Mechanical Devices for Drawing Juries.--The jury board may make its selections of citizens who shall be subject to jury duty by means of electronic and/or electro-mechanical devices commonly designated as data processing machines such as punch cards, electronic tape, random access files and other solid state devices when the same are available for its use.

Where such data processing equipment, devices, or cards are being so used, the president judge may order that such aforementioned equipment, devices or cards or some of them, be used in the drawing of jury panels, in lieu of pieces of paper and jury boxes as otherwise provided in this act. In such case the judge shall direct the manner of use of such aforementioned equipment, devices or cards so as to provide for impartial drawings of the names of the persons to constitute the jury panels and for the preparation of the lists of the names so drawn.

APPROVED—The 23rd day of June, A. D. 1972.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly
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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.