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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 178, L.D. 408, Bill,
"AN ACT to Provide for Jury List Selection from Sources other
than Voting Lists."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting
clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §1254, first 2 ¶¶, as repealed and
replaced by PL 1967, c. 544, §35, and c. 336, are repealed
and the following enacted in their place:

The jury commissioners, or other persons charged with this duty,
of each county shall prepare annually on or before the first
day of June a list of those persons in
their respective county eligible to serve on a jury. In compiling
this list, the jury commissioners, or other authorized persons,
may consult appropriate municipal directories, telephone directories,
lists of motor vehicle registrations, lists of licensed
operators of motor vehicles, and voter registration lists.
Upon request of the jury commissioners, or other authorized
persons, of its county, the registrar of voters, the board of
registration of the several municipalities or plantations
or the registration commissioner of each Indian voting district
shall furnish those commissioners with as complete a list as
practicable of the voters certified in that municipality,
plantation or voting district. This list shall be furnished
at no charge.

The jury commissioners, or other authorized persons, shall, in July of each year, from the list prepared, publicly select at random, using any given multiple that will give a fair and just distribution according to population, the names of a sufficient number of persons to be kept on a list which shall be considered a jury pool. A copy of the list shall be deposited with the clerk of courts of the several counties and shall, during all business hours, be open to public inspection.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 1982.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment makes optional the use of several lists in addition to the voting list for jury selection, rather than requiring that use. It also changes the effective date to January 1, 1982.

Reported by the Committee on Judiciary.

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