

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 131

BY REPRESENTATIVE WHITE

(On Recommendation of the Louisiana State Law Institute)

CRIMINAL/PROCEDURE: Provides that the grand and petit jury venire lists be made available to the public without having to be published

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 417(B), relative to the petit and grand jury venire lists; to repeal the requirement that the grand and petit jury venire lists be published in the official journal of the parish or other newspaper; to provide that the grand and petit jury venire lists be made available to the public; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 417(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Art. 417. Proces verbal; summoning of petit jurors; parishes other than Orleans

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B. The clerk shall ~~cause a copy of the petit jury venire list and grand jury venire list to be published in the official journal of the parish, if there be one, or in some other newspaper published in the parish, or, if there is no official journal or other newspaper in said parish, he shall post a copy of the list on the door of the courthouse~~ make available for public inspection and copying the petit jury venire list and grand jury venire list.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides that grand and petit jury venire lists be made available for public inspection but are not required to be published.

Present law requires the clerk to cause a copy of the petit jury venire list and grand jury venire list to be published in the official journal of the parish or, if no official journal exists in the parish, in some other newspaper published in the parish. If there is no official journal or other newspaper in the parish, the clerk shall post a copy of the list on the door of the courthouse.

Proposed law repeals this provision of present law and provides that the clerk shall make the grand and petit jury venire lists available for public inspection and copying.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 417(B))