

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1531 Session of
2002

INTRODUCED BY COSTA, MELLOW, KUKOVICH, KITCHEN, LAVALLE, HUGHES,
WAGNER AND SCHWARTZ, SEPTEMBER 27, 2002

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2002

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for
3 selection of prospective jurors.

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

6 Section 1. Section 4521(a) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 4521. Selection of prospective jurors.

9 (a) Preparation of master list of prospective jurors.--

10 (1) At least annually the jury selection commission
11 shall prepare a master list of prospective jurors[.] that
12 shall contain the most recent available address for
13 prospective jurors.

14 (2) The list shall also contain [all] the following:

15 (i) All voter registration lists for the county,
16 which lists may be incorporated by reference, or names
17 from such other lists which in the opinion of the
18 commission will provide a number of names of prospective

jurors which is equal to or greater than the number of names contained in the voter registration list.

(ii) The names and addresses of all persons who pay taxes or are assessed for taxes imposed by any political subdivisions.

(iii) The names and addresses of all persons residing in the county who file a return for the payment of taxes imposed by this Commonwealth, pursuant to Article III of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971.

(3) The commission may, but will not be required to, supplement the master list of prospective jurors to include, without being limited to, persons in any of the following categories:

[(1)] (i) Persons listed in telephone, city, municipal directories and similar directories.

[(2)] Persons who pay taxes or are assessed for taxes imposed by any political subdivisions.

[(3)] (ii) Persons in the county participating in any State, county or local program authorized by law and, to the extent such names are available, persons participating in any Federal program authorized by law.

[(4)] (iii) Persons who are on school census lists.

[(5)] (iv) Any other person whose name does not appear in the master list of prospective jurors and who meets the qualifications for jurors set forth in this chapter and who makes application to the commission to be listed on the master list of prospective jurors.

(4) The information submitted under paragraph (2)(ii) and (iii) shall be limited to the name and address of the

1 person and shall contain no other identifying information or
2 any information concerning the taxes remitted. The
3 information provided under paragraph (2)(ii) and (iii) may
4 not be used for any purpose other than updating the master
5 juror list and identifying and contacting prospective jurors
6 pursuant to this subchapter.

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8 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.