THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1626 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY BENNINGHOFF, COHEN, D. COSTA, DIAMOND, DRISCOLL, FEE, FLYNN, A. HARRIS, IRVIN, JOZWIAK, KAUFFMAN, M. K. KELLER, KILLION, MAJOR, McCARTER, McNEILL, MENTZER, MURT, PICKETT, SNYDER, STEPHENS, THOMAS, WARD, WATSON, WHITE AND ZIMMERMAN, OCTOBER 14, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, OCTOBER 14, 2015

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
- 2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in juries and jurors,
- further providing for selection of jurors for service.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 4524 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
- 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:
- 8 § 4524. Selection of jurors for service.
- 9 <u>(a) Procedure.--</u>Except as otherwise provided in section 4525
- 10 (relating to equipment used for selection of jurors), the jury
- 11 selection commission shall maintain a master list or jury wheel
- 12 and shall place therein the names of persons included on the
- 13 list of qualified jurors. Upon receipt of a court order pursuant
- 14 to section 4531 (relating to issuance of court orders for
- 15 jurors), the commission shall publicly select at random from the
- 16 master list or jury wheel such number of names of persons as may
- 17 be required to be summoned for assignment to jury arrays.

(b) Disclosure of jurors identity. --

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- 2 (1) A separate list of names and addresses of persons
 3 assigned to each jury array shall be prepared and made
 4 available for public inspection at the offices of the
 5 commission no later than 30 days prior to the first date on
 6 which the array is to serve.
- 7 (2) Except as otherwise ordered by the court, after
 8 empanelment of a jury for the trial of a case, the addresses
 9 of the jurors may not be disclosed or made available to the
 10 public.
- 11 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.