

ASSEMBLY, No. 65

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1980 SESSION

By Assemblymen FLYNN and VAN WAGNER

AN ACT concerning juries, and amending N. J. S. 2A:70-1.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. N. J. S. 2A:70-1 is amended to read as follows:
2 2A:70-1. The jury commissioners of each county shall, at least
3 40 days prior to the commencement of each stated session of the
4 Superior Court in their county, make two lists, alphabetically ar-
5 ranged and consecutively numbered, of persons liable to jury duty,
6 having regard to the just distribution of jury service among those
7 persons qualified therefor in the various wards and municipalities
8 of such county. The lists shall state their occupation and places
9 of abode, showing their respective municipalities and wards, if
10 any, in municipalities, and shall be designated respectively the
11 "grand jury list" and the "petit jury list." The number of per-
12 sons named on the grand jury list shall at no time be less than
13 125 nor more than **[300]** 500, to be determined by the assignment
14 judge of the Superior Court for the county. The number of persons
15 named on the petit jury list shall at no time be less than 250, the
16 number to be determined by such assignment judge. A copy of
17 each list shall be delivered forthwith to such assignment judge.
18 The board of chosen freeholders of any county by resolution may
19 provide for the purchase and use of the jury commissioners of
20 the county electromechanical devices commonly designated auto-
21 matic business machines with punch cards and card sorting ma-
22 chines.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

Increases the maximum number on the grand jury list from
300 to 500.

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill
is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 65

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 11, 1980

In order to meet the requirements of both State and county grand juries, this bill increases the maximum number on the grand jury list from 300 to 500.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

MARCH 5, 1980

KATHRYN FORSYTH

Governor Brendan Byrne has signed A-65, sponsored by Assemblyman William E. Flynn, (D-Middlesex), which increases the maximum number of people who may be listed on a grand jury list from 300 to 500.

Under prior law, the number of persons could be between 125 and 300, as determined by the county Assignment Judge.

Governor Brendan Byrne has signed A-868, sponsored by Assemblymen James Hurley (R-Cumberland), and Dean Gallo, (R-Morris), which provides for the allocation, certification and election of delegates and alternates to the 1980 Republican National Convention.

The rules of the Republican National Committee provide that 21 delegates-at-large, 21 alternate delegates-at-large, 45 district delegates and 45 district alternates be elected from New Jersey to the 1980 Republican National Convention.

According to New Jersey's county clerks, election of such a large number of at-large delegates could not be handled by the 7,300 existing voting machines in the state. The cost to municipalities of either renting machines, purchasing extensions for the existing machines or using paper ballots would be more than \$3 million.

Under this bill, 15 of the 21 delegates-at-large and 15 of the 21 alternates-at-large would be assigned, one delegate and one alternate each, to the 15 Congressional districts. Six delegates-at-large and six alternates-at-large will be elected statewide.

The Republican convention rules permit deviation from the specified formula for the allocation of delegates and alternates if required by state statute.

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