

HOUSE BILL 315

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1 HOUSE BILL NO. 315
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO INCREASE TO 4 YEARS
5 THE PERIOD OF EXEMPTION FROM THE JURY POOL FOR A PERSON WHO
6 HAS SERVED JURY DUTY; AND AMENDING SECTION 3-15-503, MCA."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

9 **Section 1.** Section 3-15-503, MCA, is amended to read:

10 "3-15-503. Drawing -- how conducted. (1) (a) If the
11 drawing of jurors is conducted by means of a jury box, the
12 jury commissioner shall place the box on a rod so that it
13 may readily revolve. The box must be revolved a sufficient
14 number of times to ensure that the numbered slips in it
15 become thoroughly mixed. Thereafter the jury commissioner
16 shall draw from the box, one at a time, as many of the
17 numbered slips as are ordered by the court.

18 (b) If the drawing of jurors is conducted by means of a
19 computerized data base, it must be conducted by use of a
20 computerized random selection process that the judges of the
21 district court of the county have approved in writing as
22 satisfactorily fulfilling the requirements for the drawing
23 of trial juries. A copy of the latest jury list and a
24 description of the approved computerized random selection
25 process must be kept in the office of the clerk of court and

1 be available for public inspection during normal business
2 hours.

3 (2) A record of the drawing shall be entered in the
4 minutes of the court. It must show the names of the jurors
5 corresponding to the numbers drawn from the jury box or the
6 names drawn by means of the computerized random selection
7 process.

8 (3) If the jury commissioner is satisfied that any
9 person whose name is drawn is deceased or mentally
10 incompetent or has permanently moved from the county, the
11 name of the person shall be omitted from the list and
12 another name shall be drawn in its place. The reason for the
13 omission shall be entered upon the minutes of the court. The
14 same procedure shall be followed as often as may be
15 necessary, until the number of names of jurors required has
16 been drawn.

17 (4) No person may be asked to serve for more than one
18 term during any year 4-year period unless all persons on the
19 list established under 3-15-402 have been drawn and there
20 are no other qualified jurors available."

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