

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 81st General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1997  
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As Engrossed: S3/12/97

## A Bill

ACT 1021 OF 1997  
HOUSE BILL 1568

5 By: Representative Wilson  
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### For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT AN ELECTRONIC OR MECHANICAL DEVICE  
10 SHALL BE USED IN EVERY STEP OF THE PROCESS OF SELECTING  
11 GRAND JURORS AND PETIT JURORS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."  
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### Subtitle

13 "TO PROVIDE THAT AN ELECTRONIC OR  
14 MECHANICAL DEVICE SHALL BE USED IN EVERY  
15 STEP OF THE PROCESS OF SELECTING GRAND  
16 JURORS AND PETIT JURORS."  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Beginning January 1, 1998 and thereafter, during every step  
22 in the procedure for the selection of grand jurors and petit jurors,  
23 electronic devices or mechanical devices shall be utilized to assure the  
24 random selection of all jury panels.  
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26 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
27 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
28 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.  
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30 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
31 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
32 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
33 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
34 act are declared to be severable.  
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36 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are

1 hereby repealed.

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3           SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General  
4 Assembly that the present method of selecting grand jurors and petit jurors is  
5 inadequate to assure random selection; that this act will provide for the  
6 random selection of jurors; and until this act becomes effective, the validity  
7 of findings and judgments issued by juries in this state is subject to  
8 question. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being  
9 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
10 safety shall become effective on the date of its approval by the Governor. If  
11 the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become  
12 effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor  
13 may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
14 overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house overrides the  
15 veto.

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/s/Wilson

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