

FINAL BILL REPORT

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning judicial proceedings and forms.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Pearson, Kline and Padden).

Senate Committee on Law & Justice
House Committee on Judiciary

Background: A jury source list is a list of all registered voters of a county, merged with a list of licensed drivers and identicard holders who reside in that county. Information provided to the court for preliminary determination of qualification for jury duty may only be used for the term the person is summoned and may not be used for any other purpose. Jury source lists are used to create a master list from which jurors are randomly selected. The jurors drawn for service are summoned by mail or personal service. The court clerk must report nondelivery of summons of persons summoned for jury duty to the county auditor.

Disputes in trust and estate matters may be resolved using nonjudicial methods. If mediation, arbitration, or agreement are unsuccessful, judicial resolution of a trust and estate dispute may be resolved by the court. These judicial proceedings may be commenced as new actions or as actions incidental to other proceedings relating to the same trust, estate, or nonprobate asset. These actions may also be converted into separate actions.

In proceedings to adjudicate parentage, the court may close the proceeding for good cause. Final orders in parentage proceedings are available for public inspection.

Summary: The court clerk is no longer required to report a summons as undeliverable, for persons summoned for jury duty, to the county auditor.

Judicial proceedings in trust and estate matters must be commenced as new actions. They may be consolidated with existing proceedings, but they may no longer be converted into separate actions.

Records entered prior to the final order determining parentage are accessible only to the parties or on order of the court for good cause. Final orders in parentage proceedings are available for public inspection. Except as provided by court rules, records entered after entry of a final order determining parentage are publicly accessible.

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Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	49	0	
House	94	0	(House amended)
Senate	48	0	(Senate concurred)

Effective: July 28, 2013.