

SENATE BILL 5026

State of Washington **52nd Legislature** **1991 Regular Session**

By Senators Nelson, Talmadge and Thorsness.

Read first time January 16, 1991. Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

1 AN ACT Relating to jury service; creating new sections; and making
2 an appropriation.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The office of the administrator for
5 the courts, the Washington state superior court judges association, the
6 district and municipal court judges association, the Washington state
7 association of county clerks, the office of financial management, the
8 secretary of state, the Washington state association of county
9 auditors, the department of licensing, the Washington state bar
10 association, the association of Washington superior court
11 administrators, and the Washington state association for court
12 administration shall prepare a plan to implement a merging of the list
13 of those persons who have been issued a driver's license in the state
14 of Washington and whose names are in the records maintained by the

1 department of licensing, persons issued identicards under RCW
2 46.20.117, and the lists of registered voters in each county to form an
3 expanded jury source list. Other associations or individuals
4 interested in an expanded jury source list may be consulted when
5 developing this plan.

6 (2) The plan shall include: (a) A fiscal analysis of the costs;
7 (b) a recommendation of which costs are to be paid by the state and by
8 local governments; (c) a recommendation of which functions and duties
9 are to be performed by state agencies and local governments; (d) a
10 report on the potential effects of a merged source list; (e) a
11 recommendation of the format the lists from the department of licensing
12 and the lists of registered voters are to be provided for merging; and
13 (f) a recommendation of a methodology for merging the lists to form an
14 expanded jury source list.

15 (3) This plan along with proposed legislation shall be submitted to
16 the legislature by January 1, 1992.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The legislature requests that the
18 Washington state association of county clerks conduct a study to
19 determine appropriate standards for excusing persons from jury service
20 due to financial hardship. The association is requested to report its
21 findings along with proposed legislation to the senate law and justice
22 committee and the house of representatives judiciary committee by
23 January 1, 1992.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of thirty-five thousand dollars,
25 or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the
26 biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the general fund to the office of
27 the administrator for the courts to carry out the development of the
28 plan as set forth in section 1 of this act.