

of the Grand Jury from the whole panel presently being used for the drawing and summoning of jurors.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 11 of Article 51 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Juries", sub-title "Qualification and Selection of Jurors", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and to read as follows:*

11. Of the forty-eight jurors drawn and summoned, the court at the beginning of the term for which they were drawn and summoned shall select and appoint one as foreman of the grand jury (except that in Montgomery County the foreman shall be selected from the original panel of three hundred names, with his name being included among the jurors drawn and summoned *(and in Washington County the foreman shall be selected from the list of names presently being used as a panel in said county, as provided in Section 8 of this Article)*, and shall direct the clerk of said court to legibly write upon ballots the names of the remaining forty-seven jurors, and after carefully folding said ballots separately to place them in a box with a sliding top, and said clerk shall draw said ballots therefrom one at a time without looking into said box and the first twenty-two names drawn, with the foreman previously appointed, shall constitute the grand jury, and the remaining twenty-five names (or, in Montgomery and Washington Counties [County], the remaining number of names) shall constitute the petit jury for said term of court; whenever a vacancy shall occur in the position of foreman of the grand jury, either temporary or permanent, by death, absence, sickness or any other cause, the court shall have power to appoint some other member of the grand jury foreman as often as the necessity for such appointment shall occur. If for any reason any person or persons drawn as a grand juror or grand jurors shall fail to attend and be present at the conclusion of the drawing or be disqualified or excused for cause the court shall forthwith proceed to fill such vacancies from the afore-said remaining number of twenty-five names of those who are present in the order in which the names were drawn from the box and may thereupon in its discretion fill such vacancy or vacancies thus made in the petit jury by drawing the necessary number of additional names therefor in manner provided by Section 9 of this Article. This section is modified as to Allegany County, Prince George's County and Talbot County. This section shall not apply to Baltimore County, as to which special provision is made by the local law therefor.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.*

Approved March 24, 1955.

CHAPTER 95

(Senate Bill 165)

AN ACT legalizing the 1955 Supplement to the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland (1951 Edition), prepared

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.