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H. B. NO. 1809-70

A Bill for an Act Relating to Jury Lists.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 609-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

“Sec. 609-10 Jury lists. Every year the jury commission of each circuit shall make and, at least ten days prior to the court term, file with the clerk of its circuit court, a certified list of the names and addresses of fifty citizens selected to be subject to serve as grand jurors during the ensuing year.

At the same time the jury commission of each circuit shall likewise file a separate certified list of the names and addresses of citizens selected to be subject to serve as trial jurors during the ensuing year, the number for each circuit to be such as the jury commission considers necessary.

All citizens selected shall be persons whom the respective commissions believe, after careful investigation in each case, to be qualified under section 609-1, and not exempt under section 609-3, or excused from jury duty as hereinafter provided; provided, that any such person who is exempt under section 609-3 may be selected if he waives his exemption; and provided, further, that nothing herein shall be construed as affecting the power of a court to excuse a juror, pursuant to section 609-4, who may be so certified and listed. All selections shall be made without reference to sex, political affiliations, race, or place of nativity of citizens, with a view to obtain lists representative of the qualified citizenry of each circuit. In arriving at such certified lists, each commission may, with the approval in writing of the judge or administrative judge of its circuit court, excuse a citizen from jury duty for any cause set forth in section 609-4.

The circuit judge or any of the judges of the first circuit court may at any time, for reasons appearing sufficient to him, order the dissolution of any list of

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grand or trial jurors and the discharge of the persons named thereon. Upon the entry of the order, the jury commission shall make and file with the clerk of the circuit court within such time as the judge shall direct another list of grand and trial jurors, which may include any of the persons so discharged, to serve for the remainder of the year.”

SECTION 2. Material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material or the underscoring.*

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 14, 1970.)

* Edited accordingly