GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2007

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Short Title: Updating of Jury List. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Lewis; and Faison.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE REGISTER OF DEEDS IN EACH COUNTY TO

ASSIST THE JURY COMMISSION IN UPDATING ITS LIST OF PROSPECTIVE JURORS BY PROVIDING A LIST OF RESIDENTS OF THE

COUNTY WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 9-2(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) In preparing the list, the jury commission shall use the list of registered voters and persons with drivers license records supplied to the county by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles pursuant to G.S. 20-43.4. The commission shall remove from the list the names of those residents of the county who are recently deceased, which shall be supplied to the commission by the register of deeds under G.S. 161-32. The commission may use fewer than all the names from the list if it uses a random method of selection. The commission may use other sources of names deemed by it to be reliable."

SECTION 2. Article 2 of Chapter 161 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 161-32. List of deceased residents for county jury commission.

The register of deeds of each county shall provide to that county's jury commission an alphabetical list of all residents of that county who have died in the two years prior to July 1 of each odd-numbered year, unless an annual jury list is being prepared under G.S. 9-2(a), in which case the list shall be of all residents of the county who have died in the year prior to July 1 of each year. The list shall include the name and address of each deceased resident and may be in either printed or computerized form, as requested by the jury commission."

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.