

By the Committee on Civil Justice & Claims and
Representatives Minton and Bradley

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to juries; amending s. 40.015,
3 F.S.; providing a method for establishing jury
4 districts, boundaries; providing an effective
5 date.

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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9 Section 1. Section 40.015, Florida Statutes, is
10 amended to read:

11 40.015 Jury districts; counties containing one
12 judicial circuit;counties exceeding 50,000.--

13 (1) In any county that wholly contains one judicial
14 circuit and that has one or more locations in addition to the
15 county seat at which the county or circuit court sits and
16 holds trials, the board of county commissioners may request
17 the chief judge of the circuit court to create a jury district
18 for each courthouse location, at which jury trials will be
19 conducted and lists shall be selected in the manner presently
20 provided by law, and the chief judge shall grant such a
21 request provided that the board of county commissioners agrees
22 to assume capital and operational costs associated with the
23 jury district.

24 ~~(2)(1)~~ In any county having a population exceeding
25 50,000 according to the last preceding decennial census and
26 one or more locations in addition to the county seat at which
27 the county or circuit court sits and holds jury trials, the
28 chief judge, with the approval of a majority of the circuit
29 court judges of the circuit, is authorized to create a jury
30 district for each courthouse location, from which jury lists
31 shall be selected in the manner presently provided by law.

1 (3)~~(2)~~ In determining the boundaries of a jury
2 district to serve the court located within the district, the
3 chief judge or the board shall seek to avoid any exclusion of
4 any cognizable group. Each jury district shall include at
5 least 6,000 licensed drivers ~~registered voters~~.
6 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
7 law.
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