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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to juries; amending s. 40.015, F.S.; providing a method for establishing jury districts, boundaries; providing an effective date.

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

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

40.015 Juries; counties containing one judicial circuit; counties exceeding 50,000.--

(1) In any county that wholly contains one judicial circuit and that has one or more locations in addition to the county seat at which the county or circuit court sits and holds trials, the board of county commissioners is authorized to create a jury district for each courthouse location, from which jury lists shall be selected in the manner presently provided by law.

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

~~(3)(2)~~ In determining the boundaries of a jury district to serve the court located within the district, the chief judge or the board of county commissioners shall seek to

1 avoid any exclusion of any cognizable group. Each jury
2 district shall include at least 6,000 registered voters.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
4 law.

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7 SENATE SUMMARY

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