

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26880

Title 2, Chapter 2, Idaho Code currently requires the jury commission for each county to compile and maintain a list of residents from which jurors may be drawn. The Supreme Court's Odyssey case management system contains a jury module that possesses the capability to enable the Supreme Court to provide these lists of potential jurors to the counties. In order to harness the power of this functionality of the Odyssey system, this amendment will permit the Supreme Court access to the data necessary to compile and maintain a statewide master jury list. In addition, this bill directs that the master jury list be divided into county jury lists for use by counties that choose to utilize the Supreme Court jury platform, instead of compiling and maintaining a separate county list of their own. This statutory modification creates an "opt in" situation for the counties, and thus, counties that wish to maintain their current jury list practices will be able to do so.

FISCAL NOTE

This proposed amendment will have no fiscal impact upon the General Fund or any other state fund. In accordance with Joint Rule 18, the reason no fiscal impact is projected is because the Supreme Court anticipates compiling and maintaining the master jury list, as well as implementing the Odyssey jury platform, with currently allocated resources. Thus, the amendment neither involves nor affects any state government expenditure or revenue. It is also anticipated that counties that choose to utilize the Supreme Court jury platform will experience an undetermined amount of cost savings.

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