

The House Committee on Judiciary offers the following substitute to HB 580:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to grand juries, so as to change provisions relating to the selection of grand jurors;
3 to change provisions relating to drawings of grand jurors; to provide for related matters; to
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 grand juries, is amended by striking subsection (b) of Code Section 15-12-62, relating to
9 selection of grand jurors, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

10 "(b) In those counties utilizing mechanical or electronic means for the selection of jurors,
11 subsection (a) of this Code section shall not apply. Rather, the judges of the superior court
12 shall draw a grand jury from the 'electronic jury box' in the same manner and under the
13 same plan that trial juries are drawn. They shall draw not less than 18 nor more than ~~75~~
14 150 names to serve as grand jurors at the next term of court."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 Said article is further amended by striking Code Section 15-12-63, relating to separate
17 drawings for each week authorized, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

18 "15-12-63.

19 When the superior court is held for longer than one week, the presiding judge may draw
20 separate or concurrent panels of grand jurors for each week if, in ~~his~~ the judge's opinion,
21 the public interest requires it. The panels may be drawn manually, mechanically, or
22 electronically."

23 **SECTION 3.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.