

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 353

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

PUBLIC RECORDS. Provides that certain records relative to jury selection and jurors are not public records. (8/1/14)

1 AN ACT
2 To enact R.S. 44:4(48), relative to public records; to exempt certain jury selection records
3 from public records; to exempt personal information of jurors from public records;
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 44:4(48) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §4. Applicability

8 This Chapter shall not apply:

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10 **(48) To questionnaires completed by members of a petit jury venire**
11 **whether completed pursuant to the Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 416.1 or**
12 **upon response to a subpoena to jury service. This shall not prohibit the**
13 **dissemination of such questionnaires to attorneys licensed in this state. This**
14 **shall not prohibit the dissemination of venire lists as required by the Code of**
15 **Criminal Procedure Art. 417(B).**

The original instrument was prepared by Ashley Menou. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Linda Nugent.

DIGEST

Peacock (SB 353)

Proposed law exempts records and personal information of members of a petit jury venire and individuals serving on a jury from the Public Records Law.

Proposed law does not prohibit dissemination of jury questionnaires to attorneys licensed in this state or the dissemination of venire lists as required in present law.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 44:4(48))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Provides that proposed law does not prohibit the dissemination of jury questionnaires to counsel for parties in a case or the dissemination of venire lists as required by the Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 417.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes proposed law applicable to members of a petit jury venire only.
2. Provides for dissemination of jury questionnaires to any attorney licensed in this state.