

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 or**
11 **grand jury venire, whether completed pursuant to the Code of Criminal**
12 **Procedure Art. 416.1 or upon response to a subpoena to jury service. This shall**
13 **not prohibit the dissemination of such questionnaires to counsel for parties to**
14 **a case for use in litigation as directed by the court with jurisdiction. This shall**
15 **not prohibit the dissemination of venire lists as required by the Code of**
16 **Criminal Procedure Art. 417.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ashley Menou.

DIGEST

Peacock (SB 353)

Proposed law exempts records and personal information of individuals called to jury service and individuals serving on a jury from the Public Records Law.

Proposed law does not prohibit dissemination of jury questionnaires to counsel for parties to a case for use in litigation as directed by the court with jurisdiction or the dissemination of venire lists as required by the Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 417.

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.