

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA
ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE BILL 381

Introduced by Harr, 8.

Read first time January 13, 2017

Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to juries; to amend section 29-2022, Reissue
- 2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to jury
- 3 sequestration; and to repeal the original section.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 29-2022, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 29-2022 The court may order a jury sequestered during trial or
4 after a case is finally submitted to the jury on the court's own motion
5 or on motion by a party for good cause shown. When a case is finally
6 submitted to the jury, they must be kept together in some convenient
7 place, under the charge of an officer, until they agree upon a verdict or
8 are discharged by the court. The officer having them in charge shall not
9 suffer any communication to be made to them, or make any himself, except
10 to ask them whether they have agreed upon a verdict, unless by order of
11 the court; nor shall he communicate to anyone, before the verdict is
12 delivered, any matter in relation to the state of their deliberations. If
13 the jury separates are permitted to separate during the trial, the jurors
14 they shall be admonished by the court that it is their duty not to
15 converse communicate with or suffer themselves to be addressed by any
16 other person on the subject of the trial, nor to listen to any
17 conversation on the subject, nor read, listen to, or view any reports of
18 the case in the media, ÷ and that it is their duty not to form or express
19 an opinion thereon until the cause is finally submitted to them.

20 Sec. 2. Original section 29-2022, Reissue Revised Statutes of
21 Nebraska, is repealed.