

**Introduced by Senator Maddy**

February 20, 1998

An act to add Section 222.3 to the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to juries.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 2145, as introduced, Maddy. Jury service.

(1) Existing law provides for the selection of trial jurors by name.

This bill would provide for the selection and identification of trial jurors by number instead of by name and would make it a contempt to elicit certain personal juror identification information during voir dire, thus establishing a state-mandated local program by creating a new crime.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 222.3 is added to the Code of
- 2 Civil Procedure, to read:
- 3 222.3. At the discretion of the court, jurors may be
- 4 identified throughout the voir dire process in both civil



1 and criminal actions by identification number only.  
2 Except on a showing of a compelling need, it shall be  
3 improper for counsel or the court to elicit personal juror  
4 identification information during voir dire, including, but  
5 not limited to, the name, home address, home or work  
6 telephone number, and the exact location of an employer  
7 or school, of the juror, the juror's spouse, or the juror's  
8 children. The court may find counsel in contempt of court  
9 for a violation of this section, punishable by fine,  
10 incarceration, or both, as otherwise provided by law.

11 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act  
12 pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
13 Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred  
14 by a local agency or school district will be incurred  
15 because this act creates a new crime or infraction,  
16 eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty  
17 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section  
18 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition  
19 of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article  
20 XIII B of the California Constitution.

21 Notwithstanding Section 17580 of the Government  
22 Code, unless otherwise specified, the provisions of this act  
23 shall become operative on the same date that the act  
24 takes effect pursuant to the California Constitution.

