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No. 10 of 2015

JURIES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2015

AN ACT TO AMEND THE JURIES ACT TO PROVIDE AN
ALTERNATE MEANS OF JURY SELECTION BY ELECTRONIC
PROCESS

[Date of Assent - 14th May, 2015]

Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas

1. Short title and commencement.

- (1) This Act, which amends the Juries Act (*Ch. 59*), may be cited as the Juries (Amendment) Act, 2015.
- (2) This Act shall come into force on such date as the Minister may appoint by Notice published in the *Gazette*.

2. Amendment of section 7 of the principal Act.

Section 7 of the principal Act is amended by the repeal of subsection (4) and the substitution therefor of the following as a new subsection (4)—

- “(4) For the purpose of determining the persons liable for jury service, the Parliamentary Commissioner shall, on such date in each year as the Chief Justice shall direct, prepare and forward to the Registrar, printed copies of a list containing contact information including, but not limited to, the names in alphabetical order, telephone number, email address, facsimile number and national insurance number of persons whose names appear on the official list of electors for elections to the House of Assembly.”.

3. Amendment of section 10 of the principal Act.

Subsection (3) of section 10 is amended by deleting the words “third month immediately following thereafter, namely, 1st March, 1st June and 1st September”

and substituting therefor the words “the second month immediately following thereafter”.

4. Amendment of section 14 of principal Act.

Section 14 of the principal Act is amended by the insertion immediately after subsection (7) of the following as a new subsection (8)—

“(8) Nothing in this section shall preclude the Parliamentary Commissioner from utilising an electronic process by way of the use of a computer to achieve the selection of a jury panel, and where an electronic process is used references to a card, a box or receptacle shall be construed as an entry or extraction of a name on a list of names compiled by a computer.”.