

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 55

BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO

CRIMINAL/PROCEDURE: Provides relative to disclosure of juror information

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(39) and to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article
3 794.1, relative to juror information; to prohibit the disclosure of juror information;
4 to provide for exceptions; to provide for penalties; to provide for prospective
5 application; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 794.1 is hereby enacted to read as
8 follows:

9 Art. 794.1. Disclosure of juror information

10 A.(1) The identity, name, address, telephone number, email address, image,
11 or likeness of a juror shall not be a public record unless released pursuant to
12 Paragraph B of this Article.

13 (2) The provisions of Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph shall not apply if
14 a list of jurors is submitted to a local government.

15 B. Upon motion by any person and finding of good cause by the court,
16 information collected by the court or by a prosecuting attorney during the jury
17 selection process about a person who serves as a juror, including the juror's name,
18 home address, or other identifying information, may be disclosed in whole or in part
19 as the court deems necessary.

Proposed law provides a penalty of up to \$1,000 or six months imprisonment, or both, for violations of proposed law.

Proposed law adds an exception to present law regarding public records.

Proposed law applies prospectively only.

(Amends R.S. 44:4.1(B)(39); Adds C.Cr.P. Art. 794.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Remove language relative to current or former jurors serving on a grand or petit jury to apply proposed law to all jurors.
2. Add that proposed law applies prospectively only.

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Provide that proposed law shall not apply if a list of jurors is submitted to a local government for payment of juror fees.
3. Provide that the penalty provisions of proposed law do not apply to a public body.

The House Floor Amendments to the reengrossed bill:

1. Provide that certain juror information is prohibited from inclusion in public records.
2. Provide that the prohibition does not apply to juror information submitted to a local government.
3. Provide that upon motion and finding of good cause by the court, the juror information may be disclosed by the court in whole or in part as the court deems necessary.