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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Esser, Kline, Johnson, Roach, Thibaudeau and Rasmussen)

Brief Description: Authorizing jury source lists to be divided by case assignment area. Revised for 1st Substitute: Authorizing jury source lists to be divided by jury assignment area.

SB 6316-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent to lessen the burdens borne by jurors fulfilling their civic duties by providing a mechanism that narrows the geographic area from which the jurors are drawn while maintaining a random and proportionate jury pool.

Provides that, in a county with more than one superior court facility and a separate case assignment area for each court facility, the jury source list may be divided into jury assignment areas that consist of registered voters and licensed drivers and identicard holders residing in each jury assignment area. Jury assignment area boundaries may be designated and adjusted by the administrative office of the courts based on the most current United States census data at the request of the majority of the judges of the superior court when required for the efficient and fair administration of justice.