

1 shall order others to be forthwith summoned and selected until a
2 panel of twenty jurors, free from exception, ~~be completed, from~~
3 ~~which is complete.~~ From this panel the accused may strike off ~~six~~
4 four jurors and the prosecuting attorney may strike off ~~two~~ four
5 jurors. The prosecuting attorney ~~shall first strike off two~~
6 ~~jurors, and then the accused six~~ first strikes off one juror then
7 the accused strikes off one juror. The parties continue in this
8 manner until all strikes have been used. If the accused ~~failed~~
9 fails to strike ~~from such panel~~ the number of jurors this section
10 allows, ~~him to strike,~~ the number not stricken off by him or her
11 shall be stricken off by the prosecuting attorney ~~so as~~ to reduce
12 the panel to twelve. ~~who shall compose the jury for the trial of~~
13 ~~the case.~~ This panel composes the regular jury for trial of the
14 case.

15 Whenever ~~in the opinion of the court~~ is of the opinion that
16 the trial ~~is likely to be a~~ may be a protracted one, ~~the court it~~
17 may direct ~~that not more than~~ up to four jurors, in addition to the
18 regular jury, be called and ~~impanelled to sit~~ impaneled as
19 alternate jurors. Alternate jurors, in the order in which they are
20 called, shall replace jurors who, prior to the time the jury
21 retires to consider its verdict, become unable or disqualified to
22 perform their duties. Alternate jurors shall be drawn in the same
23 manner, ~~shall~~ have the same qualifications, ~~shall~~ be subject to the

1 same examination and challenges, ~~shall~~ take the same oath and ~~shall~~
2 have the same functions, powers, facilities and privileges as the
3 regular jurors. An alternate juror who does not replace a regular
4 juror shall be discharged after the jury retires to consider its
5 verdict. Each side is entitled to one peremptory challenge in
6 addition to those otherwise allowed by law if one or two alternate
7 jurors are ~~to be impanelled~~ impaneled and two peremptory challenges
8 if three or four alternate jurors are ~~to be impanelled~~ impaneled.
9 The additional peremptory challenges may be used against an
10 alternate juror only and the other peremptory challenges allowed by
11 this section may not be used against an alternate juror.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow both the accused and prosecuting attorney to have four strikes from a panel of potential jurors. The bill sets forth the order the strikes are to be taken. The bill changes the current code that permits the prosecution to have two strikes and the accused to have six strikes.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.