

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
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SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 976**

Introduced by Seiler, 33.

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Committee: Judiciary

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to juries; to amend section 29-2022, Reissue
- 2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to jury
- 3 sequestration; and to repeal the original section.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 29-2022, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
2 amended to read:

3 29-2022 The court may order a jury sequestered during trial or  
4 after a case is finally submitted to the jury on the court's own motion  
5 or on motion by a party if good cause is shown. When a case is finally  
6 submitted to the jury, they must be kept together in some convenient  
7 place, under the charge of an officer, until they agree upon a verdict or  
8 are discharged by the court. The officer having them in charge shall not  
9 suffer any communication to be made to them, or make any himself, except  
10 to ask them whether they have agreed upon a verdict, unless by order of  
11 the court; nor shall he communicate to anyone, before the verdict is  
12 delivered, any matter in relation to the state of their deliberations. If  
13 the jury separates are permitted to separate during the trial, the jurors  
14 they shall be admonished by the court that it is their duty not to  
15 converse with or suffer themselves to be addressed by any other person on  
16 the subject of the trial, nor to listen to any conversation on the  
17 subject, nor read, listen to, or view any reports of the case in the  
18 media, ÷ and that it is their duty not to form or express an opinion  
19 thereon until the cause is finally submitted to them.

20 Sec. 2. Original section 29-2022, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
21 Nebraska, is repealed.