

**As Introduced**

**124th General Assembly  
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**S. B. No. 218**

**SENATOR Jordan**

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**A BILL**

To amend section 2939.06 of the Revised Code to modify  
the oath administered to members of a grand jury.

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 2939.06 of the Revised Code be  
amended to read as follows:

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**Sec. 2939.06.** When a grand jury is impaneled, the court of  
common pleas shall appoint one of the members ~~thereof~~ of the grand  
jury as ~~foreman~~ foreperson, and shall administer, or cause to be  
administered, to ~~said jurors~~ each juror an oath in the following  
words to which the juror shall respond "I do solemnly swear or  
affirm":

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~~"You and each of~~ Do you do solemnly swear or affirm that you  
will diligently inquire, into and ~~true presentment~~ make of  
carefully deliberate all such matters and things as that shall be  
given you in charge or otherwise come to your knowledge, touching  
the present attention concerning this service; ~~the counsel of the~~  
~~state, your own, and your fellows,~~ do you solemnly swear or affirm  
that you shall will keep secret all proceedings of the grand jury  
unless ~~called on~~ you are required in a court of justice to make  
~~disclosures~~ disclosure; and ~~do you shall present~~ solemnly swear or  
affirm that you will indict no person through malice, hatred, or

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~~ill will, nor shall; and do you solemnly swear or affirm that you~~ 21  
~~will not leave unindicted any person unrepresented through fear,~~ 22  
~~favor, or affection, or for any reward or hope thereof, but in all~~ 23  
~~your presentments; and do you solemnly swear or affirm that in all~~ 24  
~~your deliberations you shall will present the truth, the whole~~ 25  
~~truth, and nothing but the truth, according to the best of your~~ 26  
~~skill and understanding-, as you shall answer unto God?"~~ 27

**Section 2.** That existing section 2939.06 of the Revised Code 28  
is hereby repealed. 29