

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1536

To amend title 18, United States Code, to reduce the size of grand juries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 6, 1997

Mr. GOODLATTE (for himself and Mr. GOODE) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend title 18, United States Code, to reduce the size
of grand juries.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Grand Jury Reduction
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REDUCTION OF SIZE OF GRAND JURIES.**

7 Section 3321 of title 18, United States Code, is
8 amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 3321. Number of grand jurors; summoning addi-**
2 **tional jurors**

3 “(a) Every grand jury impaneled before any district
4 court shall consist of not less than 9 nor more than 13
5 persons. If less than 9 of the persons summoned attend,
6 they shall be placed on the grand jury and the court shall
7 order that an additional number of persons be summoned
8 to complete the grand jury in a manner ordered by the
9 court in accordance with procedures set forth in section
10 1866 of title 28. Whenever a challenge to a grand juror
11 is allowed, and there not in attendance others jurors suffi-
12 cient to complete the grand jury, the court shall make a
13 like order.

14 “(b) An indictment may be found only if at least 9
15 jurors are present and 7 of those present concur.”.

○