

Amend **CSHB 4** as follows:

On page 91, line 11, strike Subsection (b) and replace it with a new Subsection (b) to read as follows:

(b)(1) In an action seeking damages for personal injury or death, a person's answer in voir dire that the person could not award a certain sum of money damages based on a hypothetical set of circumstances does not, in and of itself, establish a bias or prejudice in favor of or against a party in the action that warrants disqualification under Section (a)(4).

(2) In this section, "side" has the same meaning as in Rule 233, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, or its successor.

(A) In any civil action to be tried before a jury, the trial court shall allow each side voir dire, as follows:

(1) in Level 1 cases, as defined by Rule 190.2, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, at least one hour;

(2) in Level 2 cases, as defined by Rule 190.3, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, at least two hours; and

(3) in Level 3 cases, as defined by Rule 190.4, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, at least three hours.

(B) The time allocated in Subsection (b) shall not include time consumed in making preemptory challenges or challenges for cause to jurors or in making or responding to objections.

(C) The supreme court may adopt rules consistent with the provisions of this section. To the extent that any rule conflicts with the provisions of this section, this section controls.

(D) Section 22.004, Government Code, does not apply to this section.