

1-1 By: Rodriguez, Pena (Senate Sponsor - Wentworth) H.B. No. 2188  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 28, 2003;  
1-3 May 1, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 20, 2003, reported favorably, as amended, by  
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 20, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1 By: Harris

1-7 Amend H.B. No. 2188 in SECTION 1 of the bill (committee  
1-8 printing, page 2) by striking lines 9-16.

1-9 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-10 AN ACT

1-11 relating to alternate methods of responding to a jury summons.  
1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
1-13 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 62, Government Code, is  
1-14 amended by adding Section 62.0111 to read as follows:  
1-15 Sec. 62.0111. COMPUTER OR TELEPHONE RESPONSE TO SUMMONS.  
1-16 (a) A plan authorized under Section 62.011 for the selection of  
1-17 names of prospective jurors may allow for a prospective juror to  
1-18 appear in response to a summons by:  
1-19 (1) contacting the county officer responsible for  
1-20 summoning jurors by computer;  
1-21 (2) calling an automated telephone system; or  
1-22 (3) appearing before the court in person.  
1-23 (b) A plan adopted under Subsection (a) may allow for a  
1-24 prospective juror to provide information to the county officer  
1-25 responsible for summoning jurors or for the county officer to  
1-26 provide information to the prospective juror by computer or  
1-27 automated telephone system, including:  
1-28 (1) information that permits the court to determine  
1-29 whether the prospective juror is qualified for jury service under  
1-30 Section 62.102;  
1-31 (2) information that permits the court to determine  
1-32 whether the prospective juror is exempt from jury service under  
1-33 Section 62.106;  
1-34 (3) submission of a request by the prospective juror  
1-35 for a postponement of or excuse from jury service under Section  
1-36 62.110;  
1-37 (4) information for jury assignment under Section  
1-38 62.016, including:  
1-39 (A) the prospective juror's postponement status;  
1-40 (B) if the prospective juror could potentially  
1-41 serve on a jury in a justice court, the residency of the prospective  
1-42 juror; and  
1-43 (C) if the prospective juror could potentially  
1-44 serve on a jury in a criminal matter, whether the prospective juror  
1-45 has been convicted of misdemeanor theft;  
1-46 (5) completion and submission by the prospective juror  
1-47 of the written jury summons questionnaire under Section 62.0132;  
1-48 (6) the prospective juror's electronic mail address;  
1-49 and  
1-50 (7) notification to the prospective juror by  
1-51 electronic mail of:  
1-52 (A) whether the prospective juror is qualified  
1-53 for jury service;  
1-54 (B) the status of the exemption, postponement, or  
1-55 judicial excuse request of the prospective juror; or  
1-56 (C) whether the prospective juror has been  
1-57 assigned to a jury panel.  
1-58 (c) The county officer responsible for summoning jurors  
1-59 shall purge the electronic mail address of a prospective juror  
1-60 collected under Subsection (b):  
1-61 (1) if the prospective juror serves on a jury, not  
1-62 later than the 30th day after the date that:

2-1 (A) the county sends the person payment for jury  
2-2 service; or

2-3 (B) the county would otherwise send the person  
2-4 payment for jury service, if the person has donated the payment  
2-5 under Section 61.003; or

2-6 (2) if the prospective juror does not serve on a jury,  
2-7 not later than the 30th day after the date that the court releases  
2-8 the person from jury service.

2-9 (d) To the extent practicable, the ratio of prospective  
2-10 jurors assigned to a particular jury panel who appear in response to  
2-11 a summons by contacting the county officer responsible for  
2-12 summoning jurors by computer or calling an automated telephone  
2-13 system to prospective jurors who appear in person must equal the  
2-14 ratio of all prospective jurors assigned to a jury panel at the same  
2-15 time who appear by computer or automated telephone system to  
2-16 prospective jurors who appear in person.

2-17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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