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H.B. No. 2754

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the eligibility of a jury commissioner to be selected  
3 for or to serve on a grand jury.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Article 19.06, Code of Criminal Procedure, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Art. 19.06. SHALL SELECT GRAND JURORS. The jury  
8 commissioners shall select not less than 15 nor more than 40 persons  
9 from the citizens of the county to be summoned as grand jurors for  
10 the next term of court, or the term of court for which said  
11 commissioners were selected to serve, as directed in the order of  
12 the court selecting the commissioners. The commissioners shall, to  
13 the extent possible, select grand jurors who the commissioners  
14 determine represent a broad cross-section of the population of the  
15 county, considering the factors of race, sex, and age. A  
16 commissioner is not qualified to be selected for or to serve as a  
17 grand juror during the term of court for which the commissioner is  
18 serving as a commissioner.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.