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S.B. No. 1298

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the selection and summons of prospective grand jurors.

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

SECTION 1. Article 19.01, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 19.01. SELECTION AND SUMMONS OF PROSPECTIVE GRAND JURORS. The district judge shall direct that 20 to 250 [~~125~~] prospective grand jurors be selected and summoned, with return on summons, in the same manner as for the selection and summons of panels for the trial of civil cases in the district courts. The judge shall try the qualifications for and excuses from service as a grand juror and impanel the completed grand jury as provided by this chapter.

SECTION 2. A district judge who on or after the effective date of this Act directs that prospective grand jurors be selected and summoned shall comply with the requirements of Article 19.01, Code of Criminal Procedure, as amended by this Act. A district judge who before the effective date of this Act directs that prospective grand jurors be selected and summoned shall comply with Article 19.01, Code of Criminal Procedure, as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.