

AN ACT

relating to reconstitution of the petit jury wheel and grand juror and petit juror qualifications and juror summoning in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Article 19A.101, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (a-1), a ~~[A]~~ person may be selected or serve as a grand juror only if the person:

- (1) is at least 18 years of age;
- (2) is a citizen of the United States;
- (3) is a resident of this state and of the county in which the person is to serve;
- (4) is qualified under the constitution and other laws to vote in the county in which the grand jury is sitting, regardless of whether the person is registered to vote;
- (5) is of sound mind and good moral character;
- (6) is able to read and write;
- (7) has never been convicted of misdemeanor theft or a felony;
- (8) is not under indictment or other legal accusation for misdemeanor theft or a felony;
- (9) is not related within the third degree by

1 consanguinity or second degree by affinity, as determined under
2 Chapter 573, Government Code, to any person selected to serve or
3 serving on the same grand jury;

4 (10) has not served as a grand juror in the year before
5 the date on which the term of court for which the person has been
6 selected as a grand juror begins; and

7 (11) is not a complainant in any matter to be heard by
8 the grand jury during the term of court for which the person has
9 been selected as a grand juror.

10 (a-1) A person is not disqualified under Subsections (a)(3)
11 and (4) to serve as a grand juror in a county with a population of
12 less than 1,000 if that person is:

13 (1) a resident of a county contiguous to and within the
14 same judicial district as the summoning county; and

15 (2) qualified under the constitution and laws to vote
16 in the contiguous county.

17 SECTION 2. Article 19A.201, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
18 amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

19 (a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), in a county with a
20 population of less than 1,000, grand jurors may be randomly
21 selected from a fair cross section of the population of one or more
22 counties contiguous to and within the same judicial district as the
23 summoning county who:

24 (1) hold a valid Texas driver's license or a valid
25 personal identification card or certificate issued by the
26 Department of Public Safety; and

27 (2) are not disqualified from grand jury service under

1 Article 19A.101(a)(1), (2), or (7).

2 SECTION 3. Section 62.001, Government Code, is amended by
3 amending Subsections (a), (b), and (d) and adding Subsection (a-1)
4 to read as follows:

5 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (a-1), the ~~[The]~~ jury
6 wheel must be reconstituted by using, as the source:

7 (1) the names of all persons on the current voter
8 registration lists from all the precincts in the county; and

9 (2) all names on a current list to be furnished by the
10 Department of Public Safety, showing the residents ~~[citizens]~~ of
11 the county who:

12 (A) hold a valid Texas driver's license or a
13 valid personal identification card or certificate issued by the
14 department; and

15 (B) are not disqualified from jury service under
16 Section 62.102(a)(1) ~~[62.102(1)]~~, (2), or (8).

17 (a-1) In a county with a population of less than 1,000, the
18 jury wheel may be reconstituted by using, in addition to the sources
19 required under Subsection (a):

20 (1) the names of all persons on the current voter
21 registration lists from all the precincts in one or more counties
22 contiguous to and within the same judicial district as the
23 summoning county; and

24 (2) all names on a list required by Subsection (a)(1)
25 showing the residents of one or more counties contiguous to and
26 within the same judicial district as the summoning county who:

27 (A) hold a valid Texas driver's license or a

1 valid personal identification card or certificate issued by the
2 Department of Public Safety; and

3 (B) are not disqualified from jury service under
4 Section 62.102(a)(1), (2), or (8).

5 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a) or (a-1), the names of
6 persons listed on a register of persons exempt from jury service may
7 not be placed in the jury wheel, as provided by Sections 62.108,
8 62.109, 62.113, 62.114, and 62.115.

9 (d) The lists ~~[list]~~ required by Subsections ~~[Subsection]~~
10 (a)(1) and (a-1)(1) must exclude the names of persons on the
11 suspense list maintained under Section 15.081, Election Code.

12 SECTION 4. Section 62.0132(g), Government Code, is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 (g) The information contained in a completed questionnaire
15 may be disclosed to:

16 (1) a judge assigned to hear a cause of action in which
17 the respondent to the questionnaire is a potential juror;

18 (2) court personnel;

19 (3) a litigant and a litigant's attorney in a cause of
20 action in which the respondent to the questionnaire is a potential
21 juror; and

22 (4) other than information provided that is related to
23 Section 62.102(a)(8) ~~[62.102(8)]~~ or (9), the voter registrar of a
24 county in connection with any matter of voter registration or the
25 administration of elections.

26 SECTION 5. Section 62.014(a), Government Code, is amended
27 to read as follows:

1 (a) A [~~In a county with at least nine district courts, the~~
2 district judge [~~judges~~] may direct that prospective jurors be
3 summoned for jury service by the clerk, the sheriff, or a bailiff,
4 or an assistant or deputy bailiff, in charge of the central jury
5 room and the general panel of the county, if the jurisdiction served
6 by the judge includes a county:

7 (1) within the jurisdiction of at least nine district
8 courts; or

9 (2) with a population of less than 1,000.

10 SECTION 6. Section [62.102](#), Government Code, is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 Sec. 62.102. GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR JURY SERVICE. (a)
13 Except as provided by Subsection (b), a [~~A~~] person is disqualified
14 to serve as a petit juror unless the person:

15 (1) is at least 18 years of age;

16 (2) is a citizen of the United States;

17 (3) is a resident of this state and of the county in
18 which the person is to serve as a juror;

19 (4) is qualified under the constitution and laws to
20 vote in the county in which the person is to serve as a juror;

21 (5) is of sound mind and good moral character;

22 (6) is able to read and write;

23 (7) has not served as a petit juror for six days during
24 the preceding three months in the county court or during the
25 preceding six months in the district court;

26 (8) has not been convicted of misdemeanor theft or a
27 felony; and

1 (9) is not under indictment or other legal accusation
2 for misdemeanor theft or a felony.

3 (b) A person is not disqualified under Subsections (a)(3)
4 and (4) to serve as a juror in a county with a population of less
5 than 1,000 if that person is:

6 (1) a resident of a county contiguous to and within the
7 same judicial district as the summoning county; and

8 (2) qualified under the constitution and laws to vote
9 in the contiguous county.

10 SECTION 7. The change in law made by this Act applies only
11 to the qualifications of a person summoned for grand jury or petit
12 jury service on or after the effective date of this Act. The
13 qualifications of a person summoned for grand jury or petit jury
14 service before the effective date of this Act are governed by the
15 law in effect on the date the summons was made, and the former law is
16 continued in effect for that purpose.

17 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

H.B. No. 4749

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4749 was passed by the House on May 2, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 4749 on May 29, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 120, Nays 18, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4749 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 26, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor