Jury Selection Plan

Williamson County, Texas

1. **STATUTORY AUTHORITY.**

This plan shall comply with all portions of Chapter 62 of the Government Code, Vernon's Texas Code Annotated.

2. **JURY SOURCE .**

The jury wheel for Williamson County, Texas juries must be reconstituted by using, as the source:

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

(2) all names on a current list to be furnished by the Department of Public Safety, showing the citizens of the county who:

a. hold a valid Texas driver's license or a valid personal identification card or certificate issued by the department; and

b. are not disqualified from jury service under Section 62.102(1), (2), or (8).

Tex. Gov't Code Ann. § 62.001

3. **METHOD.**

Persons called for jury service shall be selected at random with the aid of electronic equipment in a fair, impartial, and objective manner from the source of names required by Section 62.001 of the Government Code and excluding the names of persons listed in a register of persons exempt from jury service, as provided by Sections 62.108 and 62.109.

4. **OFFICIAL IN CHARGE.**

The Clerk of the District Courts in Williamson County, Texas is designated as the officer in charge of the selection process and shall have the duties and authority set forth herein.

5. **DATE OF RECONSITUTION OF JURY SOURCE .**

At a time, each year, on or before January 1st, the jury source shall be reconstituted from a certified list provided by the Secretary of State under the provisions of Section 62.001 of the Government Code.

6. **NOTICE OF JURY SERVICE.**

The Judges of the District and County Courts shall provide in a timely manner to the District Clerk information regarding the required jury panels for the respective courts.

A true and complete list showing names and addresses of the persons summoned to begin jury service on a particular date shall be kept by the District Clerk until said list has been used.

The District Clerk shall summons by first class mail all persons so listed to be called for jury service on such date at least thirty (30) days prior to the date such persons are to begin jury service. The clerk shall supply the computerized summons forms which shall be addressed to all persons selected.

Any authority or duty assigned to the District Clerk herein may be delegated to a deputy or other designee of the Clerk.

7. **GENERAL JURY PANEL.**

A District Judge and County Court at Law Judge may determine the number of prospective jurors that are reasonably necessary for the cases to be tried in their courts.

8. **AMENDMENTS.**

This plan may only be amended by the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas upon recommendation of a majority of the District Judges of Williamson County, Texas.

9. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This plan becomes effective upon its adoption and approval by the Commissioners Court. The undersigned majority of District Judges of Williamson County, Texas recommend to the County Commissioners Court that the plan set forth be adopted by you as the plan and procedures for selection of persons for jury service, pursuant to Government Code 62.011.

Hon. Betsy Lambeth
Judge, 425th Judicial District Court
Local Administrative District Judge

Hon. Donna King
Judge, 26th Judicial District Court

Hon. Stacey Mathews
Judge, 277th Judicial District Court

Hon. Sarah Bruchmiller
Judge, 368th Judicial District Court

Hon. Ryan Larson
Judge, 395th Judicial District Court

Hon. Scott K. Field
Judge, 480th Judicial District Court

Plan for procedures for selection of persons for jury service in Williamson County, Texas, pursuant to Government Code, Section 62.011 adopted by the Commissioners Court of Williamson County on this the _____day of _____, 2023.

Hon. Bill Gravell
Williamson County Judge