

ATTENTION: YOU MAY WANT TO CALL ONE DAY PRIOR TO TRIAL

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JURORS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY – YOUR PRESENCE IS APPRECIATED.

Right to Reemployment: A private employer may not terminate the employment of a permanent employee because the employee serves as a juror. An employee whose employment is terminated in violation of this section is entitled to return to the same employment that the employee held when summoned for jury service if the employee, as soon as practical after release from jury service, gives the employer actual notice that the employee intends to return. (Civil Practice and Remedies Code, Section 122.001).

Failure to Answer Summons and Penalties: A person who fails to comply with this summons is subject to a contempt action punishable by a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$1000.00 (Government Code, Section 62.0141). Additionally, a person shall be fined not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$100.00 if the person: 1-fails to attend court in obedience to the notice without reasonable excuse; or 2- files a false claim of exemption from jury service. (Government Code, Section 62.111).

Proper Clothing Required: All persons entering the courtroom should be dressed in clothing reasonably befitting the dignity and solemnity of the court proceedings.

TO ALL POTENTIAL JURORS:

Exempt or Disqualified: You do not need to appear in person if you are exempt or are not qualified for jury service. To claim or report your disqualification you must complete the following form below, sign it and mail or personally bring it immediately to the address printed on the front of this summons.

Excuse: If you do not meet the exemption of disqualification you must return reason for excuse

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR JURY SERVICE

Government Code, Section 62.102

To serve as a juror you *must* meet qualifications: you must

1. Be at least 18 years of age
2. Be a citizen of this state and a resident of the county in which you are to serve as a juror
3. Be qualified under the Constitution and laws to vote in the county in which you are to serve as a juror (Note: You DO NOT have to be registered to vote to be qualified to vote)
4. Be sound of mind and good moral character
5. Be able to read and write
6. Not have served as a juror for six days during the preceding three months in the county court or during the preceding six months in the district court
7. Not have been convicted of theft or any felony
8. Not be under indictment or other legal accusation of misdemeanor theft, felony theft or any other felony charge

I do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I am
 _____ Exempt because of the reason # _____ above.
 _____ Disqualified because of the reason circled above.
 _____ Other –Because of reason written below.

EXEMPTIONS FROM JURY SERVICE*

(Government Code, Section 62.106)

You may be excused from jury service if

1. You are over 70 years of age
2. You have legal custody of a child or children younger than 10 years of age and service on the jury would require leaving the child or children without adequate supervision
3. You are a student at a public or private high school
4. You are enrolled and attend college
5. You are an officer or an employee of the Senate, the House of Representatives, or any department, commission, board, office, or other agency in the legislative branch of state government
6. You are the primary caretaker of a person who is an invalid unable to care for himself or herself. (This exemption does not apply to healthcare workers.)
7. You are a member of the United States military forces serving on active duty and deployed to a location away from your home station and out of your county of residence.

*** You are not required to claim an exemption. It is your choice.**

Your Signature: _____

Date: _____

PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS