

IN RE:
RECOMMENDATION OF
JURY SELECTION PLAN

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND
FOR LOVING COUNTY, TEXAS
143RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 62.011 and 62.110, Texas Government Code, the undersigned, being the District Judge of Loving County, Texas, for the purpose of selecting persons for jury service with the aid of mechanical or electronic means, and providing for a court designee to excuse jurors, does hereby recommend to the Commissioners' Court of Loving County, that said Commissioners adopt the plan attached hereto as "Exhibit A" for the selection of persons for jury service with the aid of mechanical or electronic means, and for providing for excuses of jurors, said order to be entered upon its minutes.

SIGNED AND ENTERED this 4th day of April, 2013.



BOB PARKS, DISTRICT JUDGE
LOVING COUNTY, TEXAS
143RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

by the District Judge the District Clerk shall promptly give the Secretary of State written notice that a new list is required.

5. Prospective Juror List

From time to time, as needed by the District Court, the Judge of said Court shall request the District Clerk or one of his/her deputies, to activate the Computer Juror Selection Program, to produce a list of prospective grand or petit jurors for said District Court for use during a particular week or for a particular term or purpose. Likewise, from time to time as needed, the Judge of the County Court shall request the District Clerk or one of his/her deputies to activate the Computer Juror Selection Program to produce a list of prospective jurors for the respective court for use during a particular week or for a particular purpose.

In a like manner, the judge of any court in Loving County, which court is authorized by law to draw jurors from the Jury Wheel, shall request the District Clerk or one of his/her deputies to activate the Computer Juror Selection Program to produce a list of prospective jurors for the respective court for use during a particular week or for a particular purpose.

6. Selection of Jurors for Particular Weeks

Once the prospective juror lists have been printed by the above described process, the lists for each week for the respective courts, forms for recording attendance, summons forms and Jury Information Forms shall be prepared.

Prior to the date a list of jurors is to begin jury service, the District Clerk or County Clerk, as the case may be, shall deliver the jury list, summons and Jury Information Forms to the Loving County Sheriff ("Sheriff").

7. Summoning Jurors

The Sheriff shall summon by First Class Mail for the date designated all persons so listed to be called for jury service on such dates. The summons shall include any Jury Information Form approved by the judge of the court to which jurors have been summoned, which form shall be pre-addressed to the clerk of said court.

8. Juror List and Returned Juror Information Forms

Prior to the date jurors are to begin jury service, the respective clerk shall deliver to the respective judge of the court to which such jurors have been summoned an alphabetical list of said jurors and copies of any returned Juror Information Forms. The clerk shall keep the judge informed as to the number of jurors who have claimed exemptions or been excused or deferred.

9. Additional Jurors

Whenever a judge determines that the number of jurors previously selected for any designated date is insufficient, the judge may direct the District Clerk to prepare a supplemental list containing a specified number of persons to be called for jury service in addition to those previously selected. Such additional persons shall be selected, listed and summoned in the same manner as those previously selected. Additional jurors may also be summoned in any other manner provided by law.

10. Special Venire

Nothing herein shall restrict the rights of a defendant with respect to a Special Venire as provided in Vernon's Ann. C.C.P., Art. 34.01. In the event a Special Venire is ordered by a District Court, the names of persons for the Special Venire shall be selected and the persons summoned in the same manner as provided herein for the selection of persons to serve as Petit Jurors.

11. Jurors Used Interchangeably

The petit jurors selected, qualified, instructed and sworn shall constitute a general panel for service as jurors in all District Courts and County Courts in Loving County, Texas, and may be used interchangeably in all of said courts. Additionally, the judge of any court having a panel of jurors may assign any number of jurors in the panel to any other court in Loving County authorized to draw jurors from the Loving County Jury Wheel, as requested by the judge of that court.

12. List Filed with County Clerk

At least ten (10) days prior to the date such persons are to begin such jury service, a true and complete written list showing the names and addresses of the persons summoned to begin jury service on a particular date shall be filed of record with the County Clerk.

13. Defaulting or Excused Jurors

As provided in Section 62.110 Texas Government Code, by order of the respective court requesting the panel, or by that court's designee, any reasonable excuses of a prospective or defaulting juror may be considered and the juror may be discharged, may be returned to the Jury Wheel for selection randomly at a later date, or may have their service postponed until a specific day of the term; provided, however, a prospective juror may not be excused for an economic reason unless each party of record is present and approves the release of the juror for that reason.

The Court's designee shall be the Court Administrator and the District Clerk or any Deputy District Clerk for a panel summoned by the District Court; and shall be the County Clerk or any Deputy County Clerk for a panel summoned by the County Court. The court's designee for any other court summoning jurors shall be the clerk of that court, if any.

14. Amendments

This plan may be amended by the Commissioners' Court of Loving County, Texas, upon recommendation of the District Judge of Loving County, Texas.

15. Effective Date

This plan upon adoption shall amend by replacing in its entirety any previously adopted plan, and shall be utilized for the selection and excuse of all jury panels for service thereafter.

The foregoing Jury Selection Plan is hereby adopted by the Loving County Commissioners
Court this 8th day of April A.D. 2013

Signed for the Commissioners Court by:

ATTEST: Mozelle Carr
MOZELLE CARR
District Clerk
143rd District Court
Loving County, Texas

Skeet Lee Jones
SKEET JONES
Loving County Judge
Loving County, Texas

By: _____
Deputy

