

## **JURY SELECTION PLAN MOTLEY COUNTY**

### **STATUTORY AUTHORITY**

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

### **SOURCE OF NAMES**

As stated in Section 62.001 of the Government Code, the source from which the jury wheel shall be constituted, is the names of all persons on the current voter registration lists from all the precincts in MOTLEY County, Texas and the names of all citizens of the County who hold a valid Texas driver's license, and the citizens who hold valid person identification card or certificate issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety, as soon as such information is available from the Secretary of State; provided, however, that the names of persons listed on a register of persons exempt from jury service may not be placed in the jury wheel as provided in the Government code 62.108 and 62.109.

### **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, taking into consideration those persons exempt from jury service as provided by Section 62.108 and 62.109 of the Government Code.

### **OFFICIAL IN CHARGE**

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

### **DATE OF RECONSTITUTION OF JURY SERVICE**

At a time each year, on or before December 20th, the jury source shall be reconstituted from the certified list provided by the Secretary of State under the provisions of Section 62.001 of the Government Code.

### **NOTICE OF JURY SERVICE**

The Judges of the District, County and Justice 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 written list showing the 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.

A true and complete written list of the names and addresses of persons summoned to begin jury service on a particular date shall be filed with the County Clerk at least ten (10) days before that date.

The District Clerk shall summons by first class mail all persons so listed to be called for jury service on such date at least ten (10) days prior to the date such persons are to begin jury service. The Clerk shall supply the computerized summon 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 such Clerk.

### **GENERAL JURY PANEL**

A District Judge, County Court at Law Judge or Justice of the Peace may determine the number of prospective jurors that are reasonably necessary for the cases to be tried in their courts. Any District or County Court at Law Judge may act as a Presiding Judge for the jury qualifications and assign such jurors as may be needed into panels for the different courts.

### **ADDITIONAL JURORS**

If the presiding judge determines that the number of jurors previously selected for any designated date is insufficient, he shall direct the District Clerk to prepare a supplemental list and summon such additional persons to those already summoned as may be necessary to meet the needs of the courts; provided that such supplemental summons shall be mailed at least ten (10) days prior to date of service.

### **AMENDMENTS**

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

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**


This plan shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Commissioners' Court.

TO: Honorable Commissioners' Court of Motley County, Texas

FROM: District Judge of Motley County, Texas

RE: Plan for procedures for selection of persons for jury service, pursuant to Government Code, Section 62.011

The undersigned majority of the District Judges of this County recommend to the County The undersigned District Judge of this County recommends to the County Commissioners' Court that the plan set forth and attached hereto be adopted by you as the plan for procedures for selection of persons for jury service, pursuant to Government Code, Section 62.011



Honorable William P. Smith