

SENATE AMENDMENTS

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H.B. No. 2637

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the practice and procedures for summoning prospective
3 grand jurors and petit jurors and the exemption of certain persons
4 from grand jury and petit jury service.

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

6 SECTION 1. Article 19A.051(c), Code of Criminal Procedure,
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 (c) The judge shall test the qualifications for and
9 exemptions [~~excuses~~] from service as a grand juror and impanel the
10 completed grand jury as provided by this chapter.

11 SECTION 2. The heading to Subchapter C, Chapter 19A, Code of
12 Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

13 SUBCHAPTER C. GRAND JUROR QUALIFICATIONS; EXEMPTIONS [~~EXCUSES~~]
14 FROM SERVICE

15 SECTION 3. Article 19A.101, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Art. 19A.101. GRAND JUROR QUALIFICATIONS; LISTS OF
18 DISQUALIFIED PERSONS. (a) A person may be selected or serve as a
19 grand juror only if the person:

- 20 (1) is at least 18 years of age;
- 21 (2) is a citizen of the United States;
- 22 (3) is a resident of this state and of the county in
23 which the person is to serve;
- 24 (4) is qualified under the constitution and other laws

1 to vote in the county in which the grand jury is sitting, regardless
2 of whether the person is registered to vote;

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

4 (6) is able to read and write;

5 (7) has never been convicted of misdemeanor theft [~~or~~
6 ~~a felony~~];

7 (8) has never been convicted of a felony;

8 (9) is not under indictment or other legal accusation
9 for misdemeanor theft or a felony;

10 (10) [~~(9)~~] is not related within the third degree by
11 consanguinity or second degree by affinity, as determined under
12 Chapter 573, Government Code, to any person selected to serve or
13 serving on the same grand jury;

14 (11) [~~(10)~~] has not served as a grand juror in the year
15 before the date on which the term of court for which the person has
16 been selected as a grand juror begins; and

17 (12) [~~(11)~~] is not a complainant in any matter to be
18 heard by the grand jury during the term of court for which the
19 person has been selected as a grand juror.

20 (b) On the third business day of each month, the clerk of the
21 district court shall prepare:

22 (1) a list of persons who in the preceding month were
23 disqualified from serving as a grand juror based on the person's
24 citizenship [~~or indictment or conviction for misdemeanor theft or a~~
25 ~~felony~~] and send a copy of the list to:

26 (A) [~~(1)~~] the secretary of state;

27 (B) the voter registrar for the county in which

1 the grand jury is sitting; and

2 (C) [~~(2)~~] the prosecuting attorney for the court
3 to which the grand jurors were summoned for investigation into
4 whether any person made a false claim concerning the person's
5 qualification under Subsection (a)(2);

6 (2) a list of persons who in the preceding month were
7 disqualified from serving as a grand juror based on the person's
8 residency and send a copy of the list to:

9 (A) the secretary of state; and

10 (B) the voter registrar for the county in which
11 the grand jury is sitting; and

12 (3) a list of persons who in the preceding month were
13 disqualified from serving as a grand juror based on the person's
14 indictment or conviction for misdemeanor theft or a felony and send
15 a copy of the list to:

16 (A) the secretary of state;

17 (B) the voter registrar for the county in which
18 the grand jury is sitting; and

19 (C) the prosecuting attorney for the court to
20 which the grand jurors were summoned for investigation into whether
21 any person made a false claim concerning the person's qualification
22 under Subsection (a)(7), (8), or (9) [~~(7), or (8)~~].

23 SECTION 4. Article 19A.105, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
24 amended to read as follows:

25 Art. 19A.105. EXCUSE AND EXEMPTION [~~EXCUSES~~] FROM GRAND
26 JURY SERVICE. (a) The court shall excuse from serving any
27 summoned person who does not possess the requisite qualifications

1 or who claims an exemption to which the person is entitled.

2 (b) The following qualified persons may claim an exemption
3 ~~[be excused]~~ from grand jury service:

4 (1) a person who is 75 years of age or older ~~[than 70~~
5 ~~years of age]~~;

6 (2) a person responsible for the care of a child who is
7 younger than 18 years of age and who will be without adequate
8 supervision if the person serves on the grand jury;

9 (3) a student of a public or private secondary school;

10 (4) a person enrolled in and in actual attendance at an
11 institution of higher education; and

12 (5) any other person the court determines has a
13 reasonable excuse from service.

14 SECTION 5. Subchapter C, Chapter 19A, Code of Criminal
15 Procedure, is amended by adding Articles 19A.106 and 19A.107 to
16 read as follows:

17 Art. 19A.106. PERMANENT EXEMPTION FOR ELDERLY. (a) A
18 person who is entitled to exemption from grand jury service because
19 the person is 75 years of age or older may establish a permanent
20 exemption on that ground as provided by this article.

21 (b) A person may claim a permanent exemption by filing with
22 the district clerk, through an electronic transmission, mail, or
23 personal delivery, a signed statement affirming the person is 75
24 years of age or older and desires a permanent exemption on that
25 ground.

26 (c) The district clerk shall maintain a current register of
27 the name of each person who resides in the county and who has

1 claimed and is entitled to a permanent exemption from grand jury
2 service because the person is 75 years of age or older.

3 (d) A person whose name appears on the register of persons
4 permanently exempted from serving as a grand juror under this
5 article may not be selected or summoned for grand jury service by
6 any district judge in the county.

7 (e) A person who has claimed a permanent exemption from jury
8 service under this article may rescind the exemption at any time by
9 filing a signed request for the rescission with the district clerk.
10 Rescission of a permanent exemption does not affect the right of a
11 person who is 75 years of age or older to claim a permanent
12 exemption at a later time.

13 Art. 19A.107. LIST OF DISQUALIFIED CONVICTED PERSONS. (a)
14 The district clerk shall maintain a list of the name and address of
15 each person who is disqualified under this subchapter from grand
16 jury service because the person was convicted of misdemeanor theft
17 or a felony.

18 (b) A person who was convicted of misdemeanor theft or a
19 felony is permanently disqualified from serving as a juror.

20 (c) A person whose name appears on the list maintained under
21 this article may not be selected or summoned for grand jury service
22 by any judge of a district court served by the clerk.

23 (d) On the third business day of each month, the district
24 clerk shall send a copy of the list maintained under this article
25 to:

26 (1) the secretary of state;

27 (2) the voter registrar for the county in which the

1 grand jury is sitting; and

2 (3) the prosecuting attorney for the court to which
3 the grand jurors were summoned for investigation into whether any
4 person made a false claim concerning the person's qualification
5 under Article 19A.101(a)(7) or (8).

6 SECTION 6. Sections 62.001(a) and (b), Government Code, are
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (a) The jury wheel must be reconstituted by using, as the
9 source:

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

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

15 (A) hold a valid Texas driver's license or a
16 valid personal identification card or certificate issued by the
17 department; and

18 (B) are not disqualified from jury service under
19 Section 62.102(1), (2), (3), (7), or (8).

20 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the names of persons
21 listed on a register of persons exempt from jury service may not be
22 placed in the jury wheel, as provided by Sections 62.108 and~~[7]~~
23 ~~62.109 [7, 62.113, 62.114, and 62.115]~~.

24 SECTION 7. Section 62.0132(g), Government Code, is amended
25 to read as follows:

26 (g) The information contained in a completed questionnaire
27 may be disclosed to:

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

3 (2) court personnel;

4 (3) a litigant and a litigant's attorney in a cause of
5 action in which the respondent to the questionnaire is a potential
6 juror; and

7 (4) other than information provided that is related to
8 Section 62.102(2), (3), (7), (8), or (9) [~~62.102(8) or (9)~~], the
9 voter registrar of a county in connection with any matter of voter
10 registration or the administration of elections.

11 SECTION 8. Section 62.102, Government Code, is amended to
12 read as follows:

13 Sec. 62.102. GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR JURY SERVICE. A
14 person is disqualified 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~~
24 ~~during 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~~
27 ~~a felony~~];

- 1 (8) has not been convicted of a felony; [and]
2 (9) is not under indictment or other legal accusation
3 for misdemeanor theft or a felony; and
4 (10) has not served as a petit juror for six days
5 during the preceding three months in the county court or during the
6 preceding six months in the district court.

7 SECTION 9. Section 62.106(a), Government Code, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 (a) A person qualified to serve as a petit juror may
10 establish an exemption from jury service if the person:

- 11 (1) is [~~over~~] 75 years of age or older;
- 12 (2) has legal custody of a child younger than 12 years
13 of age and the person's service on the jury requires leaving the
14 child without adequate supervision;
- 15 (3) is a student of a public or private secondary
16 school;
- 17 (4) is a person enrolled and in actual attendance at an
18 institution of higher education;
- 19 (5) is an officer or an employee of the senate, the
20 house of representatives, or any department, commission, board,
21 office, or other agency in the legislative branch of state
22 government;
- 23 (6) is summoned for service in a county with a
24 population of at least 200,000, unless that county uses a jury plan
25 under Section 62.011 and the period authorized under Section
26 62.011(b)(5) exceeds two years, and the person has served as a petit
27 juror in the county during the 24-month period preceding the date

1 the person is to appear for jury service;

2 (7) is the primary caretaker of a person who is unable
3 to care for himself or herself;

4 (8) except as provided by Subsection (b), is summoned
5 for service in a county with a population of at least 250,000 and
6 the person has served as a petit juror in the county during the
7 three-year period preceding the date the person is to appear for
8 jury service; or

9 (9) is a member of the United States military forces
10 serving on active duty and deployed to a location away from the
11 person's home station and out of the person's county of residence.

12 SECTION 10. Section 62.107(c), Government Code, is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 (c) A person who files a statement with a clerk of the court,
15 as provided by Subsection (a), claiming an exemption because the
16 person is [~~over~~] 75 years of age or older, may also claim the
17 permanent exemption on that ground authorized by Section 62.108 by
18 including in the statement filed with the clerk a declaration that
19 the person desires the permanent exemption. The [~~Promptly after a~~
20 ~~statement claiming a permanent exemption on the basis of age is~~
21 ~~filed, the~~] clerk of the court with whom the declaration [~~it~~] is
22 filed shall notify the secretary of state and [~~have a copy delivered~~
23 ~~to~~] the voter registrar of the county.

24 SECTION 11. Sections 62.108(a), (b), (c), and (e),
25 Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

26 (a) A person who is entitled to exemption from jury service
27 because the person is [~~over~~] 75 years of age or older may establish

1 a permanent exemption on that ground as provided by this section or
2 Section 62.107.

3 (b) A person may claim a permanent exemption:

4 (1) by filing with the district clerk [~~voter~~
5 ~~registrar~~] of the county, by mail or personal delivery, a signed
6 statement affirming that the person is [~~over~~] 75 years of age or
7 older and desires a permanent exemption on that ground; or

8 (2) in the manner provided by Section 62.107(c).

9 (c) The district clerk [~~voter registrar~~] of the county shall
10 maintain a current register indicating the name of each person who
11 has claimed and is entitled to a permanent exemption from jury
12 service because the person is [~~over~~] 75 years of age or older.

13 (e) A person who has claimed a permanent exemption from jury
14 service because the person is [~~over~~] 75 years of age or older may
15 rescind the exemption at any time by filing a signed request for the
16 rescission with the voter registrar of the county. Rescission of a
17 permanent exemption does not affect the right of a person who is
18 [~~over~~] 75 years of age or older to claim permanent exemption at a
19 later time.

20 SECTION 12. Section 62.109, Government Code, is amended by
21 amending Subsections (a), (b), (d), and (e) and adding Subsection
22 (b-1) to read as follows:

23 (a) The judge of a district court or the district clerk [~~by~~
24 ~~order~~] may permanently or for a specified period exempt from
25 service as a juror in all the county and district courts in the
26 county a person with a physical or mental impairment or with an
27 inability to comprehend or communicate in the English language that

1 makes it impossible or very difficult for the person to serve on a
2 jury.

3 (b) A person requesting an exemption under this section must
4 submit to the court or the district clerk an affidavit stating the
5 person's name and address and the reason for and the duration of the
6 requested exemption. A person requesting an exemption due to a
7 physical or mental impairment must attach to the affidavit a
8 statement from a physician. The affidavit and physician's
9 statement may be submitted to the court at the time the person is
10 summoned for jury service or at any other time.

11 (b-1) The district clerk shall maintain a current list
12 indicating the name of each person permanently or temporarily
13 exempt under this section and the period of the exemption.

14 (d) A person included on the list maintained under
15 Subsection (b-1) [~~listed on the register~~] may not be summoned for
16 jury service during the period for which the person is exempt. The
17 name of a person included on the list maintained under Subsection
18 (b-1) [~~listed on the register~~] may not be placed in the jury wheel
19 or otherwise used in preparing the record of names from which a jury
20 list is selected during the period for which the person is exempt.

21 (e) A person exempt from jury service under this section may
22 rescind the exemption at any time by filing a signed request for the
23 rescission with the district clerk [~~voter registrar~~] of the county.

24 SECTION 13. Sections 62.113(a) and (b), Government Code,
25 are amended to read as follows:

26 (a) The clerk of the court shall maintain a list of the name
27 and address of each person who is [~~excused or~~] disqualified under

1 this subchapter from jury service because the person is not a
2 citizen of the United States.

3 (b) On the third business day of each month, the clerk shall
4 send a copy of the list of persons [~~excused or~~] disqualified because
5 of citizenship in the previous month to:

6 (1) the voter registrar of the county;

7 (2) the secretary of state; and

8 (3) the county or district attorney for an
9 investigation of whether the person committed an offense under
10 Section 13.007, Election Code, or other law.

11 SECTION 14. Sections 62.114(a) and (b), Government Code,
12 are amended to read as follows:

13 (a) The clerk of the court shall maintain a list containing
14 the name and address of each person who is [~~excused or~~] disqualified
15 under this subchapter from jury service because the person is not a
16 resident of the county.

17 (b) On the third business day of each month, the clerk shall
18 send a copy of the list of persons [~~excused or~~] disqualified in the
19 previous month because the persons do not reside in the county to:

20 (1) the voter registrar of the county; and

21 (2) the secretary of state.

22 SECTION 15. Sections 62.115(c) and (d), Government Code,
23 are amended to read as follows:

24 (c) The district clerk shall [~~may~~] remove from the jury
25 wheel the jury wheel card for the person whose name appears on the
26 list.

27 (d) On the third business day of each month, the clerk shall

1 send [~~to the secretary of state~~] a copy of the list of persons
2 disqualified because of a conviction of misdemeanor theft or a
3 felony to:

4 (1) the secretary of state;

5 (2) the voter registrar of the county; and

6 (3) the prosecuting attorney for a court to which a
7 person was summoned for investigation into whether the person
8 falsely made a claim related to a disqualification under Section
9 62.102(7) or (8) [~~in the preceding month~~].

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

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

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Secretary of the Senate

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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2637:

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SUBCHAPTER C. GRAND JUROR QUALIFICATIONS; EXEMPTIONS [~~EXCUSES~~]
FROM SERVICE

SECTION 3. Article 19A.101, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

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- (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

1 to vote in the county in which the grand jury is sitting, regardless
2 of whether the person is registered to vote;

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

4 (6) is able to read and write;

5 (7) has never been convicted of misdemeanor theft [~~or~~
6 ~~a felony~~];

7 (8) has never been convicted of a felony;

8 (9) is not under indictment or other legal accusation
9 for misdemeanor theft or a felony;

10 (10) [~~9~~] is not related within the third degree by
11 consanguinity or second degree by affinity, as determined under
12 Chapter 573, Government Code, to any person selected to serve or
13 serving on the same grand jury;

14 (11) [~~10~~] has not served as a grand juror in the year
15 before the date on which the term of court for which the person has
16 been selected as a grand juror begins; and

17 (12) [~~11~~] is not a complainant in any matter to be
18 heard by the grand jury during the term of court for which the
19 person has been selected as a grand juror.

20 (b) On the third business day of each month, the clerk of the
21 district court shall prepare:

22 (1) a list of persons who in the preceding month were
23 disqualified from serving as a grand juror based on the person's
24 citizenship [~~or indictment or conviction for misdemeanor theft or a~~
25 ~~felony~~] and send a copy of the list to:

26 (A) [~~1~~] the secretary of state;

27 (B) the voter registrar for the county in which

1 the grand jury is sitting; and

2 (C) [~~2~~] the prosecuting attorney for the court
3 to which the grand jurors were summoned for investigation into
4 whether any person made a false claim concerning the person's
5 qualification under Subsection (a)(2);

6 (2) a list of persons who in the preceding month were
7 disqualified from serving as a grand juror based on the person's
8 residency and send a copy of the list to:

9 (A) the secretary of state; and

10 (B) the voter registrar for the county in which
11 the grand jury is sitting;

12 (3) a list of persons who in the preceding month were
13 disqualified from serving as a grand juror based on the person's
14 conviction for a felony and send a copy of the list to:

15 (A) the secretary of state;

16 (B) the voter registrar for the county in which
17 the grand jury is sitting; and

18 (C) the prosecuting attorney for the court to
19 which the grand jurors were summoned for investigation into whether
20 any person made a false claim concerning the person's qualification
21 under Subsection (a)(8); and

22 (4) a list of persons who in the preceding month were
23 disqualified from serving as a grand juror based on the person's
24 indictment for a felony or indictment or conviction for misdemeanor
25 theft and send a copy of the list to:

26 (A) the secretary of state; and

27 (B) the prosecuting attorney for the court to

1 which the grand jurors were summoned for investigation into whether
2 any person made a false claim concerning the person's qualification
3 under Subsection (a) (7) or (9) [~~7 (7), or (8)~~].

4 SECTION 4. Article 19A.105, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Art. 19A.105. EXCUSE AND EXEMPTION [~~EXCUSES~~] FROM GRAND
7 JURY SERVICE. (a) The court shall excuse from serving any
8 summoned person who does not possess the requisite qualifications
9 or who claims an exemption to which the person is entitled.

10 (b) The following qualified persons may claim an exemption
11 [~~be excused~~] from grand jury service:

12 (1) a person who is 75 years of age or older [~~than 70~~
13 ~~years of age~~];

14 (2) a person responsible for the care of a child who is
15 younger than 18 years of age and who will be without adequate
16 supervision if the person serves on the grand jury;

17 (3) a student of a public or private secondary school;

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19 institution of higher education; and

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21 reasonable excuse from service.

22 SECTION 5. Subchapter C, Chapter 19A, Code of Criminal
23 Procedure, is amended by adding Articles 19A.106 and 19A.107 to
24 read as follows:

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26 person who is entitled to exemption from grand jury service because
27 the person is 75 years of age or older may establish a permanent

1 exemption on that ground as provided by this article.

2 (b) A person may claim a permanent exemption by filing with
3 the district clerk, through an electronic transmission, mail, or
4 personal delivery, a signed statement affirming the person is 75
5 years of age or older and desires a permanent exemption on that
6 ground.

7 (c) The district clerk shall maintain a current register of
8 the name of each person who resides in the county and who has
9 claimed and is entitled to a permanent exemption from grand jury
10 service because the person is 75 years of age or older.

11 (d) On the third business day of each month, the district
12 clerk shall prepare a list of persons who in the preceding month
13 were permanently exempted from serving as a grand juror under this
14 article or rescinded a permanent exemption under Subsection (f) and
15 send a copy of the list to the secretary of state for each county
16 served by the clerk.

17 (e) A person whose name appears on the register of persons
18 permanently exempted from serving as a grand juror under this
19 article may not be selected or summoned for grand jury service by
20 any district judge in the county.

21 (f) A person who has claimed a permanent exemption from jury
22 service under this article may rescind the exemption at any time by
23 filing a signed request for the rescission with the district clerk.
24 Rescission of a permanent exemption does not affect the right of a
25 person who is 75 years of age or older to claim a permanent
26 exemption at a later time.

27 Art. 19A.107. LIST OF DISQUALIFIED CONVICTED PERSONS. (a)

1 The district clerk shall maintain a list of the name and address of
2 each person who is disqualified under this subchapter from grand
3 jury service because the person was convicted of misdemeanor theft
4 or a felony.

5 (b) A person who was convicted of misdemeanor theft or a
6 felony is permanently disqualified from serving as a juror.

7 (c) A person whose name appears on the list maintained under
8 this article may not be selected or summoned for grand jury service
9 by any judge of a district court served by the clerk.

10 (d) On the third business day of each month, the district
11 clerk shall send a copy of the list maintained under this article
12 to:

13 (1) the secretary of state; and

14 (2) the prosecuting attorney for the court to which
15 the grand jurors were summoned for investigation into whether any
16 person made a false claim concerning the person's qualification
17 under Article 19A.101(a)(7) or (8).

18 (e) On the third business day of each month, the district
19 clerk shall prepare a list of the name and address of each person on
20 the list maintained under this article disqualified from grand jury
21 service because the person was convicted of a felony and send a copy
22 of the list to the voter registrar for the county in which the grand
23 jury is sitting.

24 SECTION 6. Sections 62.001(a) and (b), Government Code, are
25 amended to read as follows:

26 (a) The jury wheel must be reconstituted by using, as the
27 source:

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

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4 Department of Public Safety, showing the citizens of the county
5 who:

6 (A) hold a valid Texas driver's license or a
7 valid personal identification card or certificate issued by the
8 department; and

9 (B) are not disqualified from jury service under
10 Section 62.102(1), (2), (3), (7), or (8).

11 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the names of persons
12 listed on a register of persons exempt from jury service may not be
13 placed in the jury wheel, as provided by Sections 62.108 and~~[7]~~
14 62.109 [~~62.113, 62.114, and 62.115~~].

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18 may be disclosed to:

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20 the respondent to the questionnaire is a potential juror;

21 (2) court personnel;

22 (3) a litigant and a litigant's attorney in a cause of
23 action in which the respondent to the questionnaire is a potential
24 juror; and

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

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

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

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

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

13 (6) is able to read and write;

14 (7) ~~[has not served as a petit juror for six days~~
15 ~~during the preceding three months in the county court or during the~~
16 ~~preceding six months in the district court,~~

17 [(8)] has not been convicted of misdemeanor theft ~~[or~~
18 ~~a felony]~~;

19 (8) has not been convicted of a felony; ~~[and]~~

20 (9) is not under indictment or other legal accusation
21 for misdemeanor theft or a felony; and

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

25 SECTION 9. Section 62.106(a), Government Code, is amended
26 to read as follows:

27 (a) A person qualified to serve as a petit juror may

1 establish an exemption from jury service if the person:

2 (1) is [~~over~~] 75 years of age or older;

3 (2) has legal custody of a child younger than 12 years
4 of age and the person's service on the jury requires leaving the
5 child without adequate supervision;

6 (3) is a student of a public or private secondary
7 school;

8 (4) is a person enrolled and in actual attendance at an
9 institution of higher education;

10 (5) is an officer or an employee of the senate, the
11 house of representatives, or any department, commission, board,
12 office, or other agency in the legislative branch of state
13 government;

14 (6) is summoned for service in a county with a
15 population of at least 200,000, unless that county uses a jury plan
16 under Section 62.011 and the period authorized under Section
17 62.011(b)(5) exceeds two years, and the person has served as a petit
18 juror in the county during the 24-month period preceding the date
19 the person is to appear for jury service;

20 (7) is the primary caretaker of a person who is unable
21 to care for himself or herself;

22 (8) except as provided by Subsection (b), is summoned
23 for service in a county with a population of at least 250,000 and
24 the person has served as a petit juror in the county during the
25 three-year period preceding the date the person is to appear for
26 jury service; or

27 (9) is a member of the United States military forces

1 serving on active duty and deployed to a location away from the
2 person's home station and out of the person's county of residence.

3 SECTION 10. Section 62.107(c), Government Code, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 (c) A person who files a statement with a clerk of the court,
6 as provided by Subsection (a), claiming an exemption because the
7 person is [~~over~~] 75 years of age or older, may also claim the
8 permanent exemption on that ground authorized by Section 62.108 by
9 including in the statement filed with the clerk a declaration that
10 the person desires the permanent exemption. ~~The [Promptly after a~~
11 ~~statement claiming a permanent exemption on the basis of age is~~
12 ~~filed, the]~~ clerk of the court with whom the declaration [~~it~~] is
13 filed shall notify the secretary of state [~~have a copy delivered to~~
14 ~~the voter registrar of the county~~].

15 SECTION 11. Section 62.108, Government Code, is amended by
16 amending Subsections (a), (b), (c), and (e) and adding Subsection
17 (c-1) to read as follows:

18 (a) A person who is entitled to exemption from jury service
19 because the person is [~~over~~] 75 years of age or older may establish
20 a permanent exemption on that ground as provided by this section or
21 Section 62.107.

22 (b) A person may claim a permanent exemption:

23 (1) by filing with the district clerk [~~voter~~
24 ~~registrar~~] of the county, by mail or personal delivery, a signed
25 statement affirming that the person is [~~over~~] 75 years of age or
26 older and desires a permanent exemption on that ground; or

27 (2) in the manner provided by Section 62.107(c).

1 (c) The district clerk [~~voter registrar~~] of the county shall
2 maintain a current register indicating the name of each person who
3 has claimed and is entitled to a permanent exemption from jury
4 service because the person is [~~over~~] 75 years of age or older.

5 (c-1) On the third business day of each month, the district
6 clerk shall prepare a list of persons who in the preceding month
7 claimed and were entitled to a permanent exemption under this
8 section or who rescinded an exemption under Subsection (e) and send
9 a copy of the list to the secretary of state.

10 (e) A person who has claimed a permanent exemption from jury
11 service because the person is [~~over~~] 75 years of age or older may
12 rescind the exemption at any time by filing a signed request for the
13 rescission with the voter registrar of the county. Rescission of a
14 permanent exemption does not affect the right of a person who is
15 [~~over~~] 75 years of age or older to claim permanent exemption at a
16 later time.

17 SECTION 12. Section 62.109, Government Code, is amended by
18 amending Subsections (a), (b), (d), and (e) and adding Subsection
19 (b-1) to read as follows:

20 (a) The judge of a district court or the district clerk [~~by~~
21 ~~order~~] may permanently or for a specified period exempt from
22 service as a juror in all the county and district courts in the
23 county a person with a physical or mental impairment or with an
24 inability to comprehend or communicate in the English language that
25 makes it impossible or very difficult for the person to serve on a
26 jury.

27 (b) A person requesting an exemption under this section must

1 submit to the court or the district clerk an affidavit stating the
2 person's name and address and the reason for and the duration of the
3 requested exemption. A person requesting an exemption due to a
4 physical or mental impairment must attach to the affidavit a
5 statement from a physician. The affidavit and physician's
6 statement may be submitted to the court at the time the person is
7 summoned for jury service or at any other time.

8 (b-1) The district clerk shall maintain a current list
9 indicating the name of each person permanently or temporarily
10 exempt under this section and the period of the exemption.

11 (d) A person included on the list maintained under
12 Subsection (b-1) [~~listed on the register~~] may not be summoned for
13 jury service during the period for which the person is exempt. The
14 name of a person included on the list maintained under Subsection
15 (b-1) [~~listed on the register~~] may not be placed in the jury wheel
16 or otherwise used in preparing the record of names from which a jury
17 list is selected during the period for which the person is exempt.

18 (e) A person exempt from jury service under this section may
19 rescind the exemption at any time by filing a signed request for the
20 rescission with the district clerk [~~voter registrar~~] of the county.

21 SECTION 13. Sections 62.113(a) and (b), Government Code,
22 are amended to read as follows:

23 (a) The clerk of the court shall maintain a list of the name
24 and address of each person who is [~~excused or~~] disqualified under
25 this subchapter from jury service because the person is not a
26 citizen of the United States.

27 (b) On the third business day of each month, the clerk shall

1 send a copy of the list of persons [~~excused or~~] disqualified because
2 of citizenship in the previous month to:

3 (1) the voter registrar of the county;

4 (2) the secretary of state; and

5 (3) the county or district attorney for an
6 investigation of whether the person committed an offense under
7 Section 13.007, Election Code, or other law.

8 SECTION 14. Sections 62.114(a) and (b), Government Code,
9 are amended to read as follows:

10 (a) The clerk of the court shall maintain a list containing
11 the name and address of each person who is [~~excused or~~] disqualified
12 under this subchapter from jury service because the person is not a
13 resident of the county.

14 (b) On the third business day of each month, the clerk shall
15 send a copy of the list of persons [~~excused or~~] disqualified in the
16 previous month because the persons do not reside in the county to:

17 (1) the voter registrar of the county; and

18 (2) the secretary of state.

19 SECTION 15. Section 62.115, Government Code, is amended by
20 amending Subsections (c) and (d) and adding Subsection (d-1) to
21 read as follows:

22 (c) The district clerk shall [~~may~~] remove from the jury
23 wheel the jury wheel card for the person whose name appears on the
24 list.

25 (d) On the third business day of each month, the clerk shall
26 send [~~to the secretary of state~~] a copy of the list of persons
27 disqualified because of a conviction of misdemeanor theft or a

1 felony to:

2 (1) the secretary of state; and

3 (2) the prosecuting attorney for a court to which a
4 person was summoned for investigation into whether the person
5 falsely made a claim related to a disqualification under Section
6 62.102(7) or (8) [~~in the preceding month~~].

7 (d-1) On the third business day of each month, the clerk of
8 the court shall prepare a list of the name and address of each
9 person on the list maintained under this section disqualified from
10 jury service because the person was convicted of a felony and send a
11 copy of the list to the voter registrar for the county.

12 SECTION 16. The changes in law made by this Act apply only
13 to a person who is summoned to appear for service on a grand jury or
14 petit jury on or after the effective date of this Act. A person who
15 is summoned to appear for service on a grand jury or petit jury
16 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in
17 effect on the date the person was summoned, and the former law is
18 continued in effect for that purpose.

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

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 25, 2025

TO: Honorable Dustin Burrows, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2637 by DeAyala (Relating to the practice and procedures for summoning prospective grand jurors and petit jurors and the exemption of certain persons from grand jury and petit jury service.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

It is assumed that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

LBB Staff: JMc, SD, MGol, NTh, KDw

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 21, 2025

TO: Honorable Pete Flores, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2637 by DeAyala (relating to the practice and procedures for summoning prospective grand jurors and petit jurors and the exemption of certain persons from grand jury and petit jury service.),
Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

It is assumed that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 18, 2025

TO: Honorable Pete Flores, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2637 by DeAyala (Relating to the practice and procedures for summoning prospective grand jurors and petit jurors and the exemption of certain persons from grand jury and petit jury service.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

It is assumed that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

LBB Staff: JMc, MGol, NTh, KDw

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FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 5, 2025

TO: Honorable Jeff Leach, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2637 by DeAyala (relating to the practice and procedures for summoning prospective grand jurors and petit jurors and the exemption of certain persons from grand jury and petit jury service.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

It is assumed that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

LBB Staff: JMc, KDw, NTh

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 25, 2025

TO: Honorable Jeff Leach, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2637 by DeAyala (Relating to the practice and procedures for summoning prospective grand jurors and petit jurors and the exemption of certain persons from grand jury and petit jury service; authorizing a fee.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

It is assumed that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

LBB Staff: JMc, KDw, NTh