

Directions Regarding Jury Duty: You must serve on a jury unless you (1) are not qualified to serve; (2) claim an exemption from jury service; or (3) are excused from serving by a court. The general qualifications for jury service and the exemptions from jury service are listed on this card. If you do not meet the qualifications for jury service, please circle the qualification(s) you do not meet and then sign the form to certify that you are disqualified. If you wish to claim an exemption from jury service, please circle the appropriate exemption(s) and then sign the form to certify that you are entitled to the exemption(s). Then please mail or bring the completed questionnaire to the address printed on this jury summons. You do not have to appear for jury service. If you are not disqualified and you are not claiming any exemption(s), then you must report for jury duty. You may ask a judge to consider excusing you from jury service for a reason other than that you are disqualified or exempt at that time. Please bring your completed questionnaire with you when you report for jury service. **NOTE: If you claim to be disqualified based on a lack of citizenship or lack of residence in this county, you may no longer be eligible to vote in this county.**

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR JURY SERVICE
(Gov't Code, Section 62.102)
(Code Crim. Proc., Articles 35.16, 35.19)

To be qualified to serve as a juror you must:

1. be at least 18 years of age;
2. be a citizen of this state and 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 of sound 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; and
7. not have been convicted of, or be under indictment or other legal accusation for, misdemeanor theft or a felony.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM DISQUALIFIED FROM JURY SERVICE FOR THE REASON(S) CIRCLED ABOVE.

Signature

Date

EXEMPTIONS FROM JURY SERVICE
(Gov't Code, Section 62.106)

You may be exempted from jury service if:

1. you are over 70 years of age; Temporary Exemption Permanent Exemption
2. you have legal custody of a child or children younger than 15 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 in actual attendance at an institution of higher education;
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 health care 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;

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM EXEMPT FROM JURY SERVICE FOR THE REASON(S) CIRCLED ABOVE.

Signature

Date

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, or who knowingly provides false information in a request for an exemption or to be excused from jury service, is subject to a contempt action punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1000 (Government Code, Section 62.0141). Additionally, a person shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 if the person: (1) fails to attend court in obedience to this summons without reasonable excuse; or (2) files a false claim of exemption from jury service. (Government Code, Section 62.111; see also Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 35.01).

Proper Clothing Required: All prospective jurors should dress in clothing befitting the dignity and solemnity of the court proceedings.