

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1897

By: Laster of the Senate

and

Sherrer of the House

An Act relating to jurors; amending 38 O.S. 2001, Section 23.1, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 525, O.S.L. 2004 (38 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 23.1), which relates to on-call system jurors; modifying definition; clarifying language; adding trailing docket system jurors; limiting period of service; requiring certain service; stating exception; adding definition; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 38 O.S. 2001, Section 23.1, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 525, O.S.L. 2004 (38 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 23.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 23.1 A. In those district courts in which an on-call system is implemented by order of the chief judge of the district court, each juror retained for services subject to call shall be required to contact a center for information as to the time and place of his or her next assignment.

B. For purposes of this section, "on-call system" means a method whereby the chief judge of a district court ~~estimates the number of jurors required for a jury term of court~~ summones a jury panel to serve as potential jurors on a specific case.

C. Pursuant to summons for service on petit juries in the district court, each qualified, nonexempt juror is retained for service subject to call and is assigned to a judge or a case.

D. In those districts in which an on-call system is implemented by order of the chief ~~justice~~ judge of the trial court, no person shall be required to render service as a juror for more than one (1) day in a calendar year, unless he or she is selected to serve in a trial or is under consideration to serve in a trial and such consideration covers a period of two (2) or more days. Once selected, a juror shall serve on the jury for the duration of the trial unless excused by the presiding judge.

E. In those districts in which a trailing docket system is implemented by order of the chief judge of the trial court, no person shall be required to render service as a juror for more than

five (5) days in a calendar year, unless he or she is selected to serve in a trial or is under consideration to serve in a trial and such consideration covers a period of five (5) or more days. Once selected, a juror shall serve on the jury for the duration of the trial, unless excused by the presiding judge.

F. For purposes of this section "trailing docket system" means a method whereby the chief judge of the district court summonses a jury panel to serve for a fixed number of days to determine the outcome of all cases on the docket in sequential order.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

Passed the Senate the 8th day of March, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 19th day of April, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives