

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 12, 2013

3 SENATE BILL NO. 455

By: Anderson of the Senate

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8 An Act relating to jury panels; amending 38 O.S.
9 2011, Section 20.1, which relates to oath or
10 affirmation; modifying language of certain oath;
11 modifying procedures for maintenance of certain oath;
12 authorizing certain oath to be taken and signed by
13 electronic method; and providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 38 O.S. 2011, Section 20.1, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 20.1. A. Each member of the general jury panel, when
18 reporting for duty as provided for in Section 20 of ~~Title 38 of the~~
19 ~~Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title, shall take and subscribe to an oath or
20 affirmation which shall be in substantially the following form:

21 OATH

22 I, the undersigned, do solemnly swear or affirm that I am a
23 citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of
24 Oklahoma, County of _____. I further swear or affirm that I am
eighteen years of age or older.

1 I further swear or affirm that I have not been convicted of a
2 felony for which a period of time equal to the original judgment and
3 sentence has not expired, or for which I have not been pardoned. I
4 further swear or affirm that I am not now adjudicated as being
5 mentally incompetent and that I ~~am not mentally retarded~~ do not
6 otherwise have a mental condition which makes me incapable of
7 performing jury service.

8 I state under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
9 Oklahoma that the foregoing is true and correct.

10 _____
11 (Signature or mark of general jury panel member)

12 _____
13 ~~(Signature of court clerk) (Date)~~

14 B. The oath or affirmation provided for in subsection A of this
15 section shall be ~~administered by the chief judge of the district~~
16 ~~court or, during his absence or disability, by some other judge~~
17 ~~assigned to the district court in the county, and once subscribed~~
18 ~~to, shall be maintained in the office of the court clerk as a~~
19 judicial record.

20 C. The oath or affirmation required by this section may be
21 taken and signed using an electronic method provided by the court
22 for such purposes, either through the court's website or otherwise,
23 and may be maintained by the court clerk in electronic format.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

1 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
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