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1 AN ACT Relating to qualifications for jury service; and amending
2 RCW 2.36.010.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 2.36.010 and 2015 c 7 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise(~~(+)~~), the
7 definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

8 (1) A jury is a body of persons temporarily selected from the
9 qualified inhabitants of a particular district, and invested with
10 power—

11 (a) To present or indict a person for a public offense.

12 (b) To try a question of fact.

13 (2) "Court" when used without further qualification means any
14 superior court or court of limited jurisdiction in the state of
15 Washington.

16 (3) "Judge" means every judicial officer authorized to hold or
17 preside over a court. For purposes of this chapter "judge" does not
18 include court commissioners or referees.

19 (4) "Juror" means any person summoned for service on a petit
20 jury, grand jury, or jury of inquest as defined in this chapter.

1 (5) "Grand jury" means those twelve persons impaneled by a
2 superior court to hear, examine, and investigate evidence concerning
3 criminal activity and corruption.

4 (6) "Petit jury" means a body of persons twelve or less in number
5 in the superior court and six in number in courts of limited
6 jurisdiction, drawn by lot from the jurors in attendance upon the
7 court at a particular session, and sworn to try and determine a
8 question of fact.

9 (7) "Jury of inquest" means a body of persons six or fewer in
10 number, but not fewer than four persons, summoned before the coroner
11 or other ministerial officer, to inquire of particular facts.

12 (8) "Jury source list" means the list of all registered voters
13 for any county, merged with a list of licensed drivers and identicard
14 holders who reside in the county. The list shall specify each
15 person's name and residence address and conform to the methodology
16 and standards set pursuant to the provisions of RCW 2.36.054 or by
17 supreme court rule. The list shall be filed with the superior court
18 by the county auditor.

19 (9) "Master jury list" means the list of prospective jurors from
20 which jurors summoned to serve will be randomly selected. The master
21 jury list shall be either randomly selected from the jury source list
22 or may be an exact duplicate of the jury source list.

23 (10) "Jury term" means a period of time of one or more days, not
24 exceeding two weeks for counties with a jury source list that has at
25 least seventy thousand names and one month for counties with a jury
26 source list of less than seventy thousand names, during which
27 summoned jurors must be available to report for juror service.

28 (11) "Juror service" means the period of time a juror is required
29 to be present at the court facility. This period of time may not
30 extend beyond the end of the jury term, and may not exceed one week
31 for counties with a jury source list that has at least seventy
32 thousand names, and two weeks for counties with a jury source list of
33 less than seventy thousand names, except to complete a trial to which
34 the juror was assigned during the service period.

35 (12) "Jury panel" means those persons randomly selected for jury
36 service for a particular jury term.

1 (13) "Civil rights restored" means a person's right to vote has
2 been provisionally or permanently restored prior to reporting for
3 jury service.

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