

JURY SERVICE AMENDMENTS

2013 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Craig Hall

Senate Sponsor: Aaron Osmond

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill prohibits an individual from receiving a summons for trial or grand jury service more than once in a two-year time period.

Highlighted Provisions:

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Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill takes effect on January 1, 2014.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

78B-1-107, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 3

78B-1-110, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 3

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **78B-1-107** is amended to read:

78B-1-107. Qualified jury list -- Term of availability -- Juror qualification form -- Content -- Joint jury list for court authorized.

(1) Prospective jurors shall be selected at random from the master jury list and, if qualified, placed on the qualified jury list. [A] Except if necessary to complete service in a

30 particular case, a prospective juror shall remain on the qualified jury list for no longer than six
31 months or for such shorter period established by rule of the Judicial Council. The qualified
32 jury list may be used by all courts within the county, but no person shall be summoned to serve
33 as a juror in more than one court.

34 (2) The Judicial Council shall by rule govern the process for the qualification of jurors
35 and the selection of qualified jurors for voir dire.

36 (3) The state court administrator shall develop a standard form for the qualification of
37 jurors. The form shall include:

38 (a) the name, address, and daytime telephone number of the prospective juror;

39 (b) questions suitable for determining whether the prospective juror is competent under
40 statute to serve as a juror; and

41 (c) the person's declaration that the responses to questions on the qualification form are
42 true to the best of the person's knowledge.

43 Section 2. Section **78B-1-110** is amended to read:

44 **78B-1-110. Limitations on jury service.**

45 In any two-year period, a person may not [~~be required~~]:

46 (1) be required to serve on more than one grand jury;

47 (2) be required to serve as both a grand and trial juror; [~~or~~]

48 (3) be required to attend court for prospective jury service as a trial juror more than one
49 court day, except if necessary to complete service in a particular case[-]; or

50 (4) if summoned for prospective jury service and the summons is complied with as
51 directed, be selected for the qualified jury list more than once.

52 Section 3. **Effective date.**

53 This bill takes effect on January 1, 2014.