

## **QUALIFICATIONS FOR GRAND JURY SERVICE**

(Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 19.08)

To be qualified to serve as a juror you **MUST**:

1. be at least 18 years of age;
2. be a citizen of the United States;
3. be a resident of this state and the county in which you are to serve as a grand juror;
4. be qualified under the Constitution and laws to vote in the county in which you are to serve as a grand juror. (Note: You do not have to be registered to vote to be qualified to serve as a grand juror.);
5. be of sound mind and good moral character;
6. be able to read and write;
7. not have been convicted of, or be under indictment or other legal accusation for, misdemeanor theft or a felony;
8. not be related within the third degree of consanguinity or second degree of affinity, as determined under Chapter 573, Government Code, to any person selected to serve or serving on the same grand jury;
9. not have served as grand juror in the year before the date on which the term of court for which you have been selected as a grand juror begins; and
10. not be a complainant in any matter to be heard by the grand jury during the term of court for which you have been selected as a grand juror.

## **EXCUSES FROM GRAND JURY SERVICE**

(Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 19.25)

You may be eligible to be excused from grand jury service by the judge. If you are eligible to be excused you may still be required to complete the grand juror questionnaire and report for grand jury service. (Note: You may choose to serve even if you can be excused from service.)

1. You are over 70 years of age.
2. You are responsible for the care of a child younger than 18 years of age.
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.

Note: The court may also excuse you for any other reason the court determines is reasonable.