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By Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Kline, McCaslin, Franklin, Kastama, Thibaudeau, Fraser, Patterson, Fairley and Winsley)

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

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 2.36.010 and 1993 c 408 s 4 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise the definitions in
6 this section apply throughout this chapter.

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

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

11 (b) To try a question of fact.

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

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

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

1 (5) "Grand jury" means those twelve persons impaneled by a superior
2 court to hear, examine, and investigate evidence concerning criminal
3 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 court
7 at a particular session, and sworn to try and determine a question of
8 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 or
11 other ministerial officer, to inquire of particular facts.

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

26 (11) "Juror service" means the period of time a juror is required
27 to be present at the court facility. This period of time may not
28 ~~((extend beyond the end of the jury term, and may not exceed two weeks,~~
29 ~~except to complete a trial to which the juror was assigned during the~~
30 ~~two week period)) exceed two days during any jury term, except to
31 complete a trial to which the juror was assigned.~~

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

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