

250. (a) Selection of panel of 150.

It shall be the duty of the presiding judge of the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County, or one of the other judges, not less than 15 days before the beginning of each jury term of court, in the presence of the active members of the bar of said court who have not been excused, notice of the time and place having first been given to each of said members by the crier of said court, or one of its bailiffs, to fairly and impartially select from the taxpayers and registered voters of said county, a panel of 150 persons, over 25 years of age, with special regard for the intelligence, sobriety and integrity of each, but without regard as to his or her sex, race, religious creed and political belief.

(b) Number selected from each election district.

The panel of 150 persons shall be selected from the several election districts of said county as follows: first district, 19; second district, 18; third district, 35; fourth district, 23; fifth district, 32; sixth district, 10; and seventh district, 13.

(c) List of panel of 150.

The judge, or the clerk of court, in the presence of the judge, shall make a list of the 150 persons so selected, beginning with the first district and continuing in numerical order through the seventh district, and number such persons from 1 to 150 consecutively, to which said list the judge shall append his certificate to the effect that said list was selected pursuant to law, and the clerk of court shall keep and preserve said list and certificate as other proceedings of the court are kept and preserved.

(d) Numbered marbles.

The clerk of court shall provide 150 white marbles numbered from 1 to 150, each of the same approximate size, which said marbles shall be counted by the judge, or the clerk of court, in the presence of the judge, and arranged on a board provided for the purpose in numerical order, according to districts, so as to allocate to each district the same number of marbles as the number of persons prescribed by the provisions of Sub-section (b) of this section, which said board and the marbles thereon shall remain in full view during the time the panel of 150 persons is being selected.

(e) Jury box.

The clerk of the court shall also provide a jury box of such dimensions as one of the judges shall prescribe divided into seven equal parts so as to accommodate the insertion of seven drawers, one for each election district, to be numbered from 1 to 7, inclusive, which said drawers shall be so arranged as to afford three separate compartments of different sizes, the largest size to be the receptacle for the numbered marbles corresponding to the persons selected from each of said election districts, the medium size to be the receptacle for the numbered marbles corresponding to the jurors drawn from each of said election districts, and the smallest size to be the receptacle for the numbered marbles corresponding to such of the jurors from each of said election districts as may be excused for any reason after being drawn.