

moned, of the names so selected choose and appoint one who shall be foreman of the grand jury, and shall cause all the names selected, except the name of the foreman previously chosen, to be placed by said judge or judges in said [compartments of said] box. [respectively which bear the numbers of the districts where the persons so selected respectively reside] It shall be the duty of the said judge or judges, when selecting the panel of *not less than three hundred (300) nor more than four hundred (400)* persons as provided for in Section 8 of Article 51 of the Code of Public General Laws, 1951 Edition, to distribute the names of the persons on said panel [as nearly equal as may be possible among said compartments.] *substantially proportionate to the population of the respective election districts of said county as disclosed by the latest public census.* The judge or judges, in addition to the foreman so selected, shall draw from said [compartments] box in all not less than [ninety-two] *one hundred and twenty-seven (127)* nor more than [one hundred and twelve] *one hundred and fifty-seven (157)* names. [and from all of said compartments an equal number of names as near as possible] Provided, that if the foreman so selected should die or for any cause should be disqualified or be excused by the Court, the said judge or judges, after drawing another name from the [compartment representing the district in which the foreman originally selected, and so dead, disqualified or excused, resides,] box may select and appoint any one of the jurors drawn as foreman in place of the foreman so dead, disqualified or excused. The names so drawn shall be duly recorded by the said judge or judges or by the clerk in his or their presence and under his or their direction, in the order in which they shall be drawn. Thereupon forthwith the said judge or judges shall order a venire facias directed to the sheriff of the county, commanding him to summon as jurors to attend at the next ensuing term of said Court the several persons whose names may be drawn as aforesaid; and if any such persons whose names are so drawn and are embraced in said venire facias shall be dead, sick or otherwise unable to attend, or shall be absent and therefore not to be found, it shall be the duty of the sheriff forthwith to return the fact of such death, disability or absence to the Court; and the said judge or judges shall thereupon cause to be drawn from said [compartments of said] box in the manner hereinbefore directed, [namely, from the compartment or compartments representing the district, or districts from which said juror or jurors, being dead, under disability or absent, was originally drawn,] other names in the place and stead of the original persons who may be dead, under disability or absent; and shall cause the name or names of such persons so as last aforesaid drawn to be inserted in the venire facias to be submitted as aforesaid. It shall be the duty of the sheriff to summon the persons named in the venire facias and to make return thereof to said Court at the opening of its session.

917. Of the jurors so drawn in accordance with the preceding section and summoned, not less than fifty-eight nor more than sixty-eight, including the Foreman of the *Grand Jury* previously selected, to be designated in the venire facias as the first week's jury shall be required to attend the opening session of the Court, from which is to be selected the Grand Jury and the first week's Petit Jury. *The next group of jurors drawn and summoned in accordance with the preceding section, after those designated as the first week's jury, consisting of not less than thirty-five, nor more than forty-five, shall be*