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Of the forty-eight jurors drawn and summoned, the Court at the beginning of the term for which they were drawn and summoned shall select and appoint one as foreman of the grand jury (except that in Montgomery County the foreman shall be selected from the original panel of five hundred names, with his name being included among the jurors drawn and summoned and in Washington County the foreman shall be selected from the list of names presently being used as a panel in said county, as provided in Section 9 of this article, and in Charles County the foreman shall be selected from its original panel of names presently being used in said county), and shall direct the clerk of said court to legibly write upon ballots the names of the remaining forty-seven jurors, and after carefully folding said ballots separately to place them in a box with a sliding top, and said clerk shall draw said ballots therefrom one at a time without looking into said box and the first twenty-two names drawn, with the foreman previously appointed, shall constitute the grand jury, and the remaining twenty-five names (or, in Montgomery and Washington counties the remaining number of names) shall constitute the petit jury for said term of court; whenever a vacancy shall occur in the position of foreman of the grand jury, either temporary or permanent, by death, absence, sickness or any other cause, the court shall have power to appoint some other member of the grand jury foreman as often as the necessity for such appointment shall occur. If for any reason any person or persons drawn as a grand juror or grand jurors shall fail to attend and be present at the conclusion of the drawing or be disqualified or excused for cause the court shall forthwith proceed to fill such vacancies from the aforesaid remaining number of twenty-five names of those who are present in the order in which the names were drawn from the box and may thereupon in its discretion fill such vacancy or vacancies thus made in the petit jury by drawing the necessary number of additional names therefor in manner provided by Section 10 of this article. In Charles County and Prince George's County the "pellet system" set out in Section 10 (f) and Section 10 (g) shall be used in the selection of grand and petit juries. In Calvert County the system of marbles, balls, or pellets, as set out in Section 10 (a-1) shall be used in the selection of grand juries and petit juries. This section is modified as to Allegany County, *Dorchester*, *Wicomico*, *Somerset*, *Worcester* and Talbot County. This section shall not apply to Baltimore County, as to which special provision is made by the local law therefor.

9A.

It shall be the duty of the judges of the respective Circuit Courts of the First Judicial Circuit, comprising Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties, not less than fifteen days before the beginning of each term of the court at which jurors are required to attend, in the presence of such members of the bar of said court as shall attend, notice of the time and place having been given to said bar through the clerk of said court to proceed to select from the poll-books of the several election districts of said county that shall be returned and filed in the clerk's office of said courts after any general election last held, a panel that shall consist of the names of two hundred persons in said county fairly and impartially selected, of the age aforesaid, by the judge or judges, out of the election districts of said county in proportion to the inhabitants or residents of each