

SEC. 8-102. DECLARATION OF POLICY.

(A) RIGHT TO JURY SELECTED AT RANDOM.

WHEN A LITIGANT IN A COURT OF THE STATE IS ENTITLED TO TRIAL BY A PETIT JURY AND WHEN A PERSON ACCUSED OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE IS PRESENTED TO A GRAND JURY, THE JURY SHALL BE SELECTED AT RANDOM FROM A FAIR CROSS SECTION OF THE CITIZENS OF THIS STATE WHO RESIDE IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE COURT CONVENES.

(B) OPPORTUNITY AND DUTY TO SERVE.

EVERY CITIZEN OF THIS STATE WHO MAINTAINS HIS NAME ON THE ROLL OF VOTERS REGISTERED FOR STATE ELECTIONS HAS:

(1) THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE ON GRAND AND PETIT JURIES; AND

(2) THE ~~[[OBLIGATION]]~~ OBLIGATION TO SERVE WHEN SUMMONED AS A JUROR.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 51, §1, as amended by Ch. 840, H.B. 1105, Acts of 1973. The section has been completely reworded to shorten and clarify it.

All references to Baltimore City are proposed for deletion because Art. 1, §14 defines county as including Baltimore City.

SEC. 8-103. DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED.

A CITIZEN MAY NOT BE EXCLUDED FROM SERVICE AS A GRAND OR PETIT JUROR IN THE COURTS OF THE STATE ON ACCOUNT OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR ECONOMIC STATUS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 51, §2. The only changes made are in style.

SEC. 8-104. SOURCE OF PROSPECTIVE JURORS.

THE JURY COMMISSIONER OR THE CLERK OF THE COURT SHALL SELECT THE NAMES OF PROSPECTIVE JURORS FROM AMONG THOSE PERSONS 18 YEARS OLD OR OLDER WHOSE NAMES APPEAR ON THE VOTER REGISTRATION LISTS, AND FROM SUCH ADDITIONAL SOURCES PERMITTED BY A PLAN ADOPTED UNDER §8-201. VOLUNTEERS FOR JURY SERVICE SHALL BE REFUSED,