

Defined terms: "Jury plan" § 8-101

"Prospective juror" § 8-101

8-303. ALTERATION OF FORM.

WHENEVER IT SEEMS TO A JURY COMMISSIONER THAT THERE IS AN AMBIGUITY, ERROR, OR OMISSION IN A PERSON'S JUROR QUALIFICATION FORM, THE JURY COMMISSIONER SHALL RETURN THE FORM TO THE PERSON, WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE EACH NEEDED ADDITION AND OTHER CHANGE, ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OF THE CHANGES, AND RETURN THE FORM TO THE JURY COMMISSIONER WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT.

COMMITTEE NOTE: This section is new language derived from former CJ § 8-206(a)(3) and revised to clarify that the decision that a form "seems" incomplete is a jury commissioner's.

The word "person" is retained to reflect that, notwithstanding that only a natural being may be a juror, a form may be sent inadvertently to another type of person, who should inform the jury commissioner rather than ignoring the form (see revised CJ § 8-304). As to "person", see Art. 1 § 15 of the Code.

A requirement for acknowledgment is added to allow enforcement should a change be false.

The former references to a "clerk" are deleted as unnecessary in light of the newly defined term "jury commissioner".

As to documentation, see revised CJ § 8-314.

Defined term: "Jury commissioner" § 8-101

8-304. INTERVIEW.

(A) SUMMONS.

WHENEVER A PERSON FAILS TO RETURN A COMPLETED JUROR QUALIFICATION FORM AS INSTRUCTED, A JURY COMMISSIONER MAY SUMMONS THE PERSON TO APPEAR BEFORE THE JURY COMMISSIONER OR JURY JUDGE.

(B) CONDUCT.

WHENEVER A PERSON APPEARS UNDER THIS SECTION, A JURY COMMISSIONER OR JURY JUDGE:

(1) MAY REQUIRE THE PERSON TO COMPLETE, SIGN, AND ACKNOWLEDGE A JUROR QUALIFICATION FORM IN THE PRESENCE OF THE JURY COMMISSIONER; AND

(2) IF, AT THAT TIME, IT SEEMS TO THE JURY COMMISSIONER OR JURY JUDGE TO BE WARRANTED, MAY QUESTION THE PERSON BUT ONLY AS TO RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS IN THE FORM AND GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION, EXCUSAL, EXEMPTION, OR POSTPONEMENT.