

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

8-202.

Among other things, the juror selection plan referred to in § 8-201 shall:

(2) Specify detailed procedures to be followed by the jury commissioner or clerk in selecting names from the voter registration lists or from other sources as are necessary to carry out the policy of §§ 8-102 and 8-103 of this title. These procedures shall be designed to assure the random selection of a fair cross section of the citizens of the State who reside in the county where the court convenes.

(i) Persons selected to be mailed juror qualification forms under § 8-206 of this [title] SUBTITLE may be obtained by a random selection process that provides the names directly from the source list, as provided for in § 8-204 of this [title] SUBTITLE, if a properly programmed electronic data processing system or device is used. The source list used for this selection process shall be the most recent [available.

(ii) AVAILABLE. If [the] THIS method [outlined in paragraph (i) of this subsection] is not used, a master jury wheel or a device similar in purpose and function such as an electronic data processing system or device may be used.

(II) The plan shall specify a minimum number of names, selected at random, to be placed initially in the master jury wheel, which shall be at least 1/2 of 1 percent of the total number of persons on the lists used as sources of names for the county; but if this number of names is cumbersome and unnecessary, or inadequate, the plan may fix a smaller or larger number of names to be placed in the master wheel. In all cases the number shall be at least [200] 150. The jury judge may order additional names, selected at random, to be placed in the master jury wheel as he considers necessary. The plan shall provide for periodic emptying and refilling of the master jury wheel at specified times and shall assure that this periodic refilling places in the master jury wheel names from voter registration lists used in the general election preceding the time of refilling;

8-303.

(A) If the [parties] DEFENDANTS AND THE STATE agree, the drawing of a panel of at least 20 jurors in [any] A CRIMINAL case may be dispensed with.

(B) IF THE PARTIES AGREE, THE DRAWING OF A PANEL OF AT LEAST 14 JURORS IN A CIVIL ACTION MAY BE DISPENSED WITH.

8-306.

IN A CIVIL ACTION IN WHICH A JURY TRIAL IS PERMITTED, THE JURY SHALL CONSIST OF 6 JURORS.