

**CHAPTER 44**

Original House Bill No. 203

**JURY DUTY — EXCUSAL AND LISTS**

AN ACT to amend W.S. 1-11-104, 1-11-106(a) and 18-3-402(a)(xix) relating to juries; providing for excusal from jury service in court's discretion; requiring clerk of court to prepare jury list; and providing for an effective date.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

**Section 1.** W.S. 1-11-104, 1-11-106(a) and 18-3-402(a)(xix) are amended to read:

**1-11-104. Causes for excusal.**

A juror may not be excused for a trivial cause or for hardship or inconvenience to his business, but only when material injury or destruction to his property or property entrusted to him is threatened, or when his health or the sickness or death of a member of his family requires his absence. A person may be excused at his request if he is over seventy-two (72) years of age. A person may be excused from jury duty when the care of that person's young children requires his absence. Any person who has served on a jury shall, upon request, be excused from further jury service in that court for the remainder of that jury term and in the discretion of the court may be excused from jury service for the following jury term.

**1-11-106. Jury list; preparation of ballots for jury box; drawing jury panel; certificate and summons.**

(a) The list of persons qualified to serve as trial jurors, certified and delivered to the clerk of the district court in accordance with W.S. 18-3-402 or a list of persons compiled under an alternate procedure pursuant to W.S. 1-11-129, is the base jury list for the district court, the county court and justice of the peace courts from April 1 of the year in which the list is certified and delivered through March 31 of the following year. By order of the district judge, county judge or justice of the peace, for their respective courts, the base jury list may be expanded by including some other source or sources of names in addition to voter lists. After the list is delivered and supplemented when applicable, suitable ballots shall be prepared and deposited in a box known as and plainly marked "jury box number one". Upon order of the court, the clerk of the district court, sheriff and county treasurer shall draw from jury box number one a panel of trial jurors, which shall contain such number of names as specified by the court.

**18-3-402. Duties generally.**

(a) The county clerk shall:

(xix) Compile a list of all persons whose names appear on the official register of voters and who appear to have the qualifications to serve as trial jurors. The list shall state the name and address of each person, be made in triplicate, and be certified by the county clerk. Two (2) copies of the list shall be delivered to the clerk of the district court by the county clerk on or before March 1 of each year, and one (1) copy shall be filed by the county clerk as a permanent record. The lists certified to the clerk of the district court may be in such form as to enable the names to be separated into suitable ballots for use by the clerk of court as provided by law;

**Section 2.** This act is effective June 8, 1989.

Approved February 18, 1989.