

House Bill 2547

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Modifies statutes relating to jurors summoned by circuit courts.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to jurors summoned by circuit courts; creating new provisions; amending ORS 1.002, 10.205,
3 10.215 and 10.235; repealing ORS 10.225; and declaring an emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2013 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 10.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court may make rules for the use of**
7 **electronic transmission and electronic signature on documents transmitted to or from a**
8 **circuit court under this chapter.**

9 **(2) ORS 84.072 does not apply to rules adopted under this section.**

10 **SECTION 3. ORS 1.002 is amended to read:**

11 1.002. (1) The Supreme Court is the highest judicial tribunal of the judicial department of gov-
12 ernment in this state. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is the presiding judge of the court
13 and the administrative head of the judicial department of government in this state. The Chief Justice
14 shall exercise administrative authority and supervision over the courts of this state consistent with
15 applicable provisions of law and the Oregon Rules of Civil Procedure. The Chief Justice, to facilitate
16 exercise of that administrative authority and supervision, may:

17 (a) Make rules and issue orders appropriate to that exercise.

18 (b) Require appropriate reports from the judges, other officers and employees of the courts of
19 this state and municipal courts.

20 (c) Pursuant to policies approved by the Judicial Conference of the State of Oregon, assign or
21 reassign on a temporary basis all judges of the courts of this state to serve in designated locations
22 within or without the county or judicial district for which the judge was elected.

23 (d) Set staffing levels for all courts of the state operating under the Judicial Department and for
24 all operations in the Judicial Department.

25 (e) Establish time standards for disposition of cases.

26 (f) Establish budgets for the Judicial Department and all courts operating under the Judicial
27 Department.

28 (g) Assign or reassign all court staff of courts operating under the Judicial Department.

29 (h) Pursuant to policies approved by the Judicial Conference of the State of Oregon, establish
30 personnel rules and policies for judges of courts operating under the Judicial Department.

31 (i) Establish procedures for closing courts in emergencies.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (j) Establish standards for determining when courts are closed for purposes of ORCP 10, ORS
2 174.120 and other rules and laws that refer to periods of time when courts are closed.

3 (k) Take any other action appropriate to the exercise of the powers specified in this section and
4 other law, and appropriate to the exercise of administrative authority and supervision by the Chief
5 Justice over the courts of this state.

6 (2) The Chief Justice may make rules for the use of electronic applications in the courts, in-
7 cluding but not limited to rules relating to:

8 (a) Applications based on the use of the Internet and other similar technologies;

9 (b) The use of an electronic document, or use of an electronic image of a paper document in lieu
10 of the original paper copy, for a document, process or paper that is served, delivered, received, filed,
11 entered or retained in any action or proceeding;

12 (c) The use of electronic signatures or another form of identification for any document, process
13 or paper that is served, delivered, received, filed, entered or retained in any action or proceeding
14 and that is required by any law or rule to be signed;

15 (d) The use of electronic transmission for the service of documents in a proceeding, other than
16 service of a summons or service of an initial complaint or petition;

17 (e) Payment of statutory or court-ordered monetary obligations through electronic media;

18 (f) Electronic storage of court documents;

19 (g) Use of electronic citations in lieu of the paper citation forms as allowed under ORS 153.770,
20 including use of electronic citations for parking ordinance violations that are subject to ORS 221.333
21 or 810.425;

22 (h) Public access through electronic means to court documents that are required or authorized
23 to be made available to the public by law; *[and]*

24 (i) Transmission of open court proceedings through electronic media[.]; **and**

25 **(j) Electronic transmission and electronic signature on documents relating to circuit**
26 **court jurors under section 2 of this 2013 Act.**

27 (3) The Chief Justice may make rules relating to the data that state courts may require parties
28 and other persons to submit for the purpose of distinguishing particular persons from other persons.
29 If the rules require the submission of data that state or federal law does not require that the courts
30 make public, the rules may also require courts to keep the data confidential and not release the data
31 except pursuant to a court order issued for good cause shown. Data that is made confidential under
32 the rules is not subject to disclosure under ORS 192.410 to 192.505.

33 (4) Rules adopted by the Chief Justice under subsection (2) of this section must be consistent
34 with the laws governing courts and court procedures, but any person who serves, delivers, receives,
35 files, enters or retains an electronic document, or an electronic image of a paper document in lieu
36 of the original paper copy, in the manner provided by a rule of the Chief Justice under subsection
37 (2) of this section shall be considered to have complied with any rule or law governing service, de-
38 livery, reception, filing, entry or retention of a paper document.

39 (5) Rules made and orders issued by the Chief Justice under this section shall permit as much
40 variation and flexibility in the administration of the courts of this state as are appropriate to the
41 most efficient manner of administering each court, considering the particular needs and circum-
42 stances of the court, and consistent with the sound and efficient administration of the judicial de-
43 partment of government in this state.

44 (6) The Chief Justice may establish fees for the use of the Oregon Judicial Information Network.

45 (7) The judges, other officers and employees of the courts of this state shall comply with rules

1 made and orders issued by the Chief Justice. Rules and orders of a court of this state, or a judge
 2 thereof, relating to the conduct of the business of the court shall be consistent with applicable rules
 3 made and orders issued by the Chief Justice.

4 (8) The Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and the presiding judge of each judicial district of
 5 this state are the administrative heads of their respective courts. They are responsible and ac-
 6 countable to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in the exercise of their administrative authority
 7 and supervision over their respective courts. Other judges of the Court of Appeals or court under
 8 a presiding judge are responsible and accountable to the Chief Judge or presiding judge, and to the
 9 Chief Justice, in respect to exercise by the Chief Justice, Chief Judge or presiding judge of admin-
 10 istrative authority and supervision.

11 (9) The Chief Justice may delegate the exercise of any of the powers specified by this section
 12 to the presiding judge of a court, and may delegate the exercise of any of the administrative powers
 13 specified by this section to the State Court Administrator, as may be appropriate.

14 (10) This section applies to justices of the peace and the justice courts of this state solely for
 15 the purpose of disciplining of justices of the peace and for the purpose of continuing legal education
 16 of justices of the peace.

17 **SECTION 4.** ORS 10.215 is amended to read:

18 10.215. (1) The State Court Administrator shall cause to be prepared at least once each year a
 19 master jury list containing names selected at random from the source lists. The source lists are the
 20 most recent list of electors of the county, the records furnished by the Department of Transportation
 21 as provided in ORS 802.260 (2) and any other sources approved by the Chief Justice of the Supreme
 22 Court that will furnish a fair cross section of the citizens of the county. The State Court Adminis-
 23 trator and circuit courts may use source lists obtained from any person or public body, and jury lists
 24 containing names selected from a source list, only for purposes consistent with administering the
 25 selection and summoning of persons for service as jurors, the drawing of names of jurors, and other
 26 tasks necessary to accomplish those functions. Source lists may not contain and the State Court
 27 Administrator is not required to obtain information about individuals who are participants in the
 28 Address Confidentiality Program under ORS 192.820 to 192.868. Except as specifically provided by
 29 law, the State Court Administrator and circuit courts may not disclose source lists obtained from
 30 any person or public body, and jury lists containing names selected from a source list, to any other
 31 person or public body.

32 (2) A public body having custody, possession or control of any list that may be used as a source
 33 list for preparation of a master jury list, upon written request by the State Court Administrator,
 34 shall make its list available at any reasonable time and, except as otherwise provided in ORS
 35 802.260, without charge to the State Court Administrator for inspection or copying. The public
 36 body, upon written request by the State Court Administrator, shall provide a copy of its list for the
 37 date and in the form requested to the State Court Administrator. Except as otherwise provided in
 38 ORS 802.260, the copy shall be provided without charge.

39 (3) The number of names placed on a master jury list shall be sufficient to meet the projected
 40 need for grand jurors and trial jurors in the circuit court in the county, but the total number may
 41 not be less than two percent of the population of the county according to the latest federal
 42 decennial census.

43 (4) A master jury list shall contain the first name, the surname, the place of residence and, if
 44 assigned, the juror identification number of each person whose name is placed thereon.

45 (5) A master jury list **for a circuit court** shall be certified by the [trial] **State** Court Adminis-

1 trator *[and placed on file in the circuit court as soon as possible after it is prepared.]* **to have been**
 2 **prepared in compliance with the requirements of this section. A certified copy of the master**
 3 **jury list shall be provided to the circuit court for the county as soon as possible after the list**
 4 **is prepared.**

5 (6) A newly filed master jury list shall be maintained separately from the previously filed master
 6 jury list. The presiding judge shall designate when a newly filed master jury list becomes
 7 effective[.]. After *[which time]* **a newly filed master jury list becomes effective, names of per-**
 8 **sons for a jury list for a panel or term must be selected for a jury list for a panel or term**
 9 **from the newly filed master jury list and from** names of any persons *[may not be selected]* from
 10 the previously filed master jury list **whose service was deferred** *[for a term jury list]*. When a newly
 11 filed master jury list becomes effective, all orders, records and papers prepared in connection with
 12 the selection process based on the previously filed master jury list shall be preserved by the trial
 13 court administrator and State Court Administrator for the period prescribed by the State Court
 14 Administrator under ORS 8.125.

15 (7) The State Court Administrator may make adjustments to the master jury list, and may au-
 16 thorize the presiding judge of a judicial district to make adjustments to a *[term]* jury list **for a panel**
 17 **or term**, for the purpose of updating the addresses of persons appearing on the lists and removing
 18 the names of persons who are deceased, permanently ineligible for jury service or permanently ex-
 19 cused from jury service. The State Court Administrator shall ensure that a record is maintained of
 20 all adjustments to jury lists made under this subsection.

21 (8) For the purposes of this section, “public body” has the meaning given that term in ORS
 22 174.109.

23 **SECTION 5.** ORS 10.235 is amended to read:

24 10.235. (1) When an additional number of jurors is needed for a jury service term in a county
 25 because the *[term]* jury list for the term becomes exhausted, or in the opinion of the presiding judge
 26 for the judicial district is likely to become exhausted, before the end of the term, additional jurors
 27 may be selected and summoned as provided in this section.

28 (2) The presiding judge for the judicial district may order an additional number of names se-
 29 lected from the master jury list and added to the *[term]* jury list **for the panel or term** in the same
 30 manner as the original *[term]* jury list is prepared. As directed by the presiding judge of the circuit
 31 court, the persons whose names are added to the *[term]* jury list **for the panel or term** shall be
 32 summoned by the clerk of court giving written notice to each of them by mail or by the sheriff or
 33 other officer giving written notice to each of them personally or by leaving written notice at the
 34 person’s place of residence with some person of suitable age and discretion. The notice need be
 35 given only a reasonable time before the day on which the persons summoned are required to attend.

36 (3) If the master jury list becomes exhausted or in the opinion of the presiding judge is likely
 37 to become exhausted, the presiding judge may order that the clerk of court select an additional
 38 number of names from the source lists described in ORS 10.215 (1) and that the persons whose names
 39 are so selected be summoned as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

40 (4) If there is an immediate need for additional jurors, a judge of the circuit court for the county
 41 may direct the clerk of court, sheriff or other officer to summon a sufficient number of eligible
 42 persons to meet that need. Those persons shall be summoned as directed by the judge.

43 **SECTION 6.** ORS 10.225 is repealed.

44 **SECTION 7.** ORS 10.205 is amended to read:

45 10.205. (1) ORS 10.205 to 10.265 govern the selection and summoning of persons for service as

1 grand jurors or trial jurors in the circuit court in a county.

2 (2) The presiding judge for the judicial district may authorize the use of juror identification
3 numbers in place of juror names in the performance of functions under ORS 10.215 to 10.265, 132.020
4 and ORCP 57 B for the selection of jurors in the county, except for functions under ORS 10.215 (4)
5 [*and 10.225 (3)*], when to do so would promote the efficiency of the selection process, but the se-
6 lection must be done randomly.

7 **SECTION 8. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
8 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect**
9 **on its passage.**

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