

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

**1. What is the appropriate dress for serving jury duty in Hockley and Cochran Counties?**

Dress as you would for church or a job interview. No shorts or tank tops are permitted.

**2. When serving jury duty, will there be a lot of waiting involved?**

It is possible that jurors may have to wait outside a courtroom for an indefinite period of time. This is not wasted time because the immediate availability of a jury panel frequently motivates the parties of a trial to negotiate and settle a case without a trial.

**3. Will jurors be kept overnight in a hotel?**

It is extremely unlikely that jurors will be kept together or sequestered overnight. In most cases, if it appears a jury will be sequestered, the judge will be able to forewarn the jurors.

**4. Must jurors be paid by their employers while serving jury duty?**

No, but most employers pay their employees regular salaries during the employer's jury service.

**5. If circumstances beyond my control prevent me from appearing on my scheduled date, and I cannot reach the department in the morning on the telephone, will a warrant be issued for my arrest?**

No, you will not be arrested. You will receive a new jury summons in the mail approximately 2-3 weeks before your rescheduled appearance date.

**6. Are business and economic reasons a valid reason to be excused from jury service?**

No, business and economic reasons are not valid as an exemption or an excuse from jury service.

**7. How are names selected for Jury Service?**

Every year, the Secretary of State prepares Hockley and Cochran Counties jury wheel by combining records from driver's license, identification and voter registration records.

**8. Why do I get so many jury summons?**

You may receive a jury summons from the City government, the County government and the Federal government. These are all separate Governmental entities that may summons you independent of the other.