
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PROSPECTIVE JURORS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 612-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
3 and to read as follows:

4 "Juror qualification form" means the juror qualification
5 form described in section 612-13."

6 SECTION 2. Section 612-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

8 "(a) The clerk shall prepare an alphabetical list of the
9 names in the master jury wheel, which shall not be disclosed to
10 any person other than pursuant to this chapter or specific order
11 of the court. The clerk or the clerk's designee shall ~~[mail]~~
12 make available to every name on the list a juror qualification
13 form accompanied by instructions to fill out and return the form
14 ~~[by mail]~~ to the clerk or the clerk's designee within ten days
15 after its receipt~~[-]~~; provided that the court shall determine
16 the format of the form and the means of its delivery and return.
17 The form shall be subject to approval by the court and shall



1 elicit the name, address, and age of the prospective juror,
2 other information pertinent to disqualification or exemption
3 from jury service, and any other matters as may be ordered by
4 the court. The form also shall contain the prospective juror's
5 declaration that the prospective juror's responses are true to
6 the best of the prospective juror's knowledge and the
7 prospective juror's acknowledgment that a wilful
8 misrepresentation of a material fact may be punished by a fine
9 of not more than \$500 or imprisonment for not more than thirty
10 days, or both. Notarization of the juror qualification form
11 shall not be required. If the prospective juror is unable to
12 fill out the form, another person may do it for the prospective
13 juror and shall indicate that the person has done so and the
14 reason therefor. In any case in which it appears that there is
15 an omission, ambiguity, or error in a form completed by a
16 prospective juror, the clerk or the clerk's designee may return
17 the form with instructions to the prospective juror to make such
18 additions or corrections as may be necessary and to return the
19 form to the clerk or the clerk's designee within ten days after
20 its receipt. Upon the failure or refusal of any person duly
21 receiving the juror qualification form to complete and return it



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1 as required or instructed, the court, after first summoning the
2 person to appear before the clerk to complete or correct the
3 form, may punish the person for contempt."

4 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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Report Title:

Judiciary Package; Prospective Jurors; Juror Qualification Form

Description:

Authorizes the Judiciary to determine the format of the juror qualification form and the means of its delivery and return.
Removes the requirement that the form be mailed.

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