

## NOTICE OF GRAND JURY EMPANELING

The 147<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court will begin empaneling a grand jury on October 19<sup>th</sup> and October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. The grand jury empaneling will be streamed live and may be viewed publicly on the 147<sup>th</sup> District Court's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOJIm0ae9k-Eqp7kurA3Hww>

A challenge to the grand jury array or any person summoned to serve as a grand jury must be made by e-mailing [Court.Administration@traviscountytx.gov](mailto:Court.Administration@traviscountytx.gov) indicating in your e-mail the basis of the challenge[s].

**According to the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, the following challenges to the array of prospective grand jurors or to prospective grand jurors may be made:**

### **Art. 19.30. CHALLENGE TO "ARRAY".**

A challenge to the "array" shall be made in writing for these causes only:

1. That those summoned as grand jurors are not in fact those selected by the method provided by Article 19.01; and
2. That the officer who summoned the grand jurors acted corruptly in summoning any one or more of them.

### **Art. 19.31. CHALLENGE TO JUROR.**

- (a) A challenge to a particular grand juror may be made orally for any of the following causes:
1. That the juror is insane;
  2. That the juror has such defect in the organs of feeling or hearing, or such bodily or mental defect or disease as to render the juror unfit for jury service, or that the juror is legally blind and the court in its discretion is not satisfied that the juror is fit for jury service in that particular case;
  3. That the juror is a witness in or a target of an investigation of a grand jury;
  4. That the juror served on a petit jury in a former trial of the same alleged conduct or offense that the grand jury is investigating;
  5. That the juror has a bias or prejudice in favor of or against the person accused or suspected of committing an offense that the grand jury is investigating;
  6. That from hearsay, or otherwise, there is established in the mind of the juror such a conclusion as to the guilt or innocence of the person accused or suspected of committing an offense that the grand jury is investigating as would influence the juror's vote on the presentment of an indictment;
  7. That the juror is related within the third degree by consanguinity or affinity, as determined under Chapter 573, Government Code, to a person accused or suspected of committing an offense that the grand jury is investigating or to a person who is a victim of an offense that the grand jury is investigating;
  8. That the juror has a bias or prejudice against any phase of the law upon which the state is entitled to rely for an indictment;
  9. That the juror is not a qualified juror; and
  10. That the juror is the prosecutor upon an accusation against the person making the challenge.
- (b) A challenge under Subsection (a)(3) may be made ex parte and shall be reviewed and ruled on in an in camera proceeding. The court shall seal any record of the challenge.
- (c) In this article, "legally blind" has the meaning assigned by Article 35.16(a).