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# Private Acts of 1937 Chapter 347

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**COMPILER'S NOTE:** This Act must be read in conjunction with Private Acts of 1931, Chapter 564, reproduced immediately before this Act. Certain provisions may be superseded by Tennessee Code Annotated Section 22-2-10.

**SECTION 1.** The jurors shall be selected alternately by Judges of the Circuit and Criminal Courts, beginning with the Judge of Division I of the Circuit Court and followed thereafter by the other Circuit Judges in numerical order of the Divisions thereof, followed by the Judges of the Criminal Courts in numerical order of the Divisions thereof; each Judge to select said jurors for one (1) term of the Court. Through emergency or by mutual interchange agreement or by request of the Judge designated, the jurors may be selected by any other Judge of the Circuit or Criminal Court. The Judge shall select a panel of ninety-six (96) qualified jurors who may be required to serve for two (2) weeks. This panel shall be divided into eight (8) juries, designated by number, and each juror shall be designated by name and by number, beginning with one (1) through ninety-six (96).

As amended by: Private Acts of 1951, Chapter 294  
Private Acts of 1953, Chapter 276  
Private Acts of 1953, Chapter 278  
Private Acts of 1963, Chapter 238  
Private Acts of 1967-68, Chapter 90  
Private Acts of 1971, Chapter 55

**SECTION 2.** That the regular panel of jurors selected and present shall not exceed eighty-four men when five courts are in session, shall not exceed seventy men when four courts are in session, shall not exceed fifty-five men when three courts are in session, and shall not exceed forty men when two courts are in session, and shall not exceed twenty-seven men when one court is in session.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1951, Chapter 294

**SECTION 3.** That it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Circuit Court each day to ascertain what Courts expect to be in session for later days, and procure an order from one of the Judges excusing from service for such days a number of jurors so as to conform to the limits of numbers herein provided.

**SECTION 4.** That special panels of jurors may be summoned upon orders of the Court in criminal cases where a large number of veniremen are required as now provided by law. In instances where additional jurors are required in either Court, the presiding Judge may designate special jurors, or order the Sheriff to summon special jurors for service in such emergency only.

**SECTION 5.** That in jury trials in Chancery Court of Hamilton County a jury shall be selected from such panel, if such required numbers are available and in attendance.

**SECTION 6.** That the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall keep the record of attendance of jurors and shall certify such attendance, per diem and mileage to the County Judge for payment, provided that with respect to special jurors used in emergencies as herein provided the Clerk of the Court wherein such special jurors serve shall certify such attendance, per diem and mileage.

**SECTION 7.** That a suitable jury room for the use of the jurors as herein contemplated shall be provided in the Court House by Hamilton County.

**SECTION 8.** That when a full panel of jurors is in attendance as herein provided when more than one Court is in session, and one or more of the Courts shall complete its session and adjourn for the day, it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Circuit Court to procure an order from one of the Judges excusing such number of jurors not required for the balance of the day.

**SECTION 9.** The compensation for the citizens serving as jurors in Hamilton County shall be determined by the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners, to be paid in the same manner provided by law.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1989, Chapter 98

**SECTION 10.** That Chapter 564 Private Acts of 1931, being an Act to regulate the selection and service of jurors in Hamilton County, be and the same is amended to conform with the provisions of this Act, and that this Act take effect from and after passage, the public welfare requiring.

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** Private Acts of 1931, Chapter 564, is reproduced immediately prior to this Act.

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