

## **Qualifications for Grand Jury Service:**

### *Grand Jurors must:*

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a resident of this state and of the county in which you are to serve
- Be qualified under the constitution and other laws to vote in the county in which the grand jury is sitting, regardless of whether you are registered to vote
- Be of sound mind and good moral character
- Able to read and write
- Have never been convicted of misdemeanor theft or a felony
- Not be related within the third degree by consanguinity or second degree by affinity, as determined under Chapter 573, Government Code, to any person selected to serve or serving on the same grand jury
- Have not served as a grand juror in the year before the date on which the term of court for which you have been selected as a grand juror begins
- Not be a complainant in any matter to be heard by the grand jury during the term of court for which you have been selected as a grand juror

If you are in doubt, or think you may not be qualified to serve on a grand jury for one of the above or any other reasons, please notify the judge.

## **Exemptions for Grand Jury Service:**

### *You are entitled to be excused as a Grand Juror if:*

- You are more than 70 years of age
- You are responsible for the care of a child younger than 18 years of age
- You are a student at a public or private secondary school
- You are a person enrolled in and in actual attendance at an institution of higher education
- The court determines if you have a reasonable excuse