

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

In re: Jury Composition Pilot Program

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M.R. 28676

ORDER

The Court adopts the following Administrative Order to implement the Jury Composition Pilot Program in Peoria, Rock Island, St. Clair, Sangamon, and Winnebago counties to explore and evaluate various methods that courts may utilize to create jury pools.

This pilot program will be monitored and managed by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts ("AOIC"). The pilot program will begin April 1, 2017. There shall be an initial six months of baseline data accrual where jurors in the pilot counties will be summoned pursuant to existing laws. During the subsequent six months, jurors in the pilot counties will be summoned utilizing the processes set forth below:

- A. **Sub-Master Jury List.** The Chief Judge shall direct the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, county board, jury administrator or jury commissions to create a Sub-Master Jury List representing at least ten times the normal number of jurors anticipated to be summonsed annually for service within said county. The Sub-Master Jury List shall be developed geographically by zip code. Accordingly, the Chief Judge shall designate that zip codes be utilized by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, county board, jury administrator or jury commissioners to create the Sub-Master Jury List. The composition of said Sub-Master Jury List shall be in direct proportion, geographically, to the county population distribution by zip code as set forth in the most recent decennial census of the United States Census Bureau. The necessary number of jurors shall be randomly selected from the Master Jury List to comprise the Sub-Master Jury List. When summonsing jurors pursuant to the Jury Act for any given jury call, the county board, jury administrator or jury commissioners shall then utilize the Sub-Master Jury List, instead of the Master Jury List, but shall otherwise follow the Jury Act and other applicable statutes, rules or regulations not otherwise in conflict with this Rule.

- B. Supplementation for Undeliverable and Non-Responding Juror Qualification Forms. For all juror qualification forms or summons returned to the court as undeliverable or those to which no response has been received (after the jury administrator or jury commissioner has sent a follow-up letter to the person who has not responded), the jury administrator or jury commissioner, as soon as practical, shall issue the same number of new juror qualification forms/summons to be mailed to addresses within the same zip code to which the undeliverable or non-responding juror qualification forms/summons had been sent. The jury administrator or jury commissioner shall randomly draw these names or numbers from the Sub-Master Jury List.

During the pilot period, all jurors in the pilot counties shall be given demographic surveys to complete, the form of the survey and the method for distribution shall be provided by the AOIC in consultation with the Chief Circuit Judges of the pilot counties. The Chief Circuit Judges of the pilot counties will provide reports to the AOIC in a form and frequency as determined by the AOIC.

Order entered by the Court.

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