

Chapter 22

S.B. No. 259

AN ACT

relating to jury summons questionnaires.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 62.0132(b) and (d), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) A written jury summons must include:

(1) a copy of the questionnaire developed under this section; or

(2) the electronic address of the court's Internet website from which the questionnaire developed under this section may be easily printed.

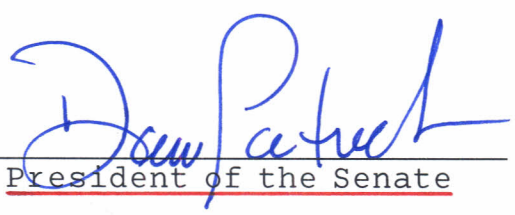
(d) Except as provided by this subsection, a [A] person who has received a written jury summons [~~and a written jury summons questionnaire~~] shall complete and submit a jury summons [the] questionnaire when the person reports for jury duty. If the district and criminal district judges of a county adopt a plan for an electronic jury selection method under Section 62.011, the county may allow a person to complete and submit a jury summons questionnaire on the court's Internet website as authorized under Section 62.0111(b)(5).

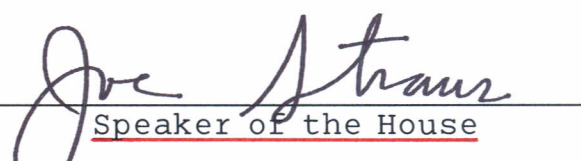
SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section 62.0132, Government Code, applies only to a written jury summons sent on or after the effective date of this Act. A written jury summons sent before the effective date of this Act is governed by

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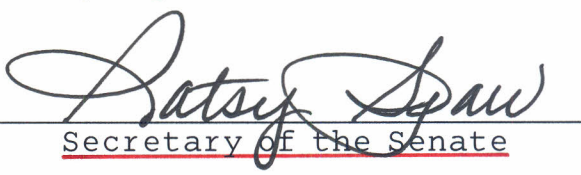
1 the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act,
2 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017. _____

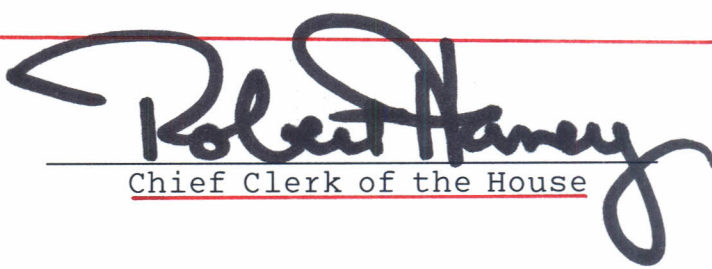

President of the Senate


Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 259 passed the Senate on March
28, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0. _____

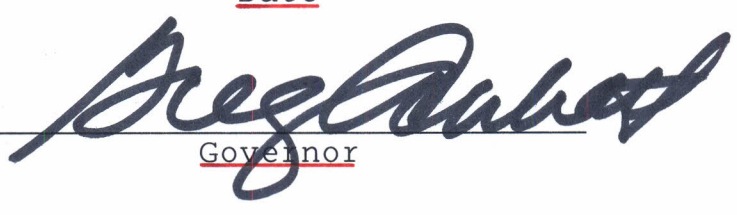

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 259 passed the House on May 4,
2017, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 1, two present not
voting. _____



Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

5-17-2016
Date


Governor

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FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 25, 2017

TO: Honorable John T. Smithee, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB259 by Huffines (Relating to jury summons questionnaires.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to provide that written jury summons may include the electronic address of the court's Internet website from which the juror questionnaire may be easily printed and that district and criminal district judges may allow a person to complete and submit a jury summons questionnaire on the court's Internet website. Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

LBB Staff: UP, LBO, AG, MW, GDz, JGA

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FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 21, 2017

TO: Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB259 by Huffines (Relating to jury summons questionnaires.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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March 16, 2017

TO: Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

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