

PART 13. PETIT JURORS

13.1 TIME OF CALL

Petit jurors shall be summoned to appear on such days and in such numbers as may be designated by the Presiding Judge.

13.2 PERIOD OF SERVICE:

(a) Rock Island County petit jurors shall sit at such times as the Court may order and may be recessed from time to time to a day certain or subject to recall, provided such jurors shall not be called upon or impaneled to commence trial of a case after that juror has been accepted to sit upon one case already called during the term of the jurors' current summons.

(b) In the counties of Henry, Whiteside, and Mercer, petit jurors shall sit at such times as the Court may order and may be recessed from time to time to a day certain or subject to recall, provided such jurors shall not be called upon or impaneled to commence trial of a case after any members of the panel have been engaged in the trial of cases for a total of ten day unless ordered by the Presiding Judge.

13.3 NUMBER TO BE SELECTED BY COUNTY BOARDS

The number of persons to serve as petit jurors in counties not having jury commissioners in the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit shall be as follows: 300 in Mercer County. The Circuit Clerk in each of the said counties shall certify the number of jurors so determined to the county board of such county for selection by the board from the jury list at the September meeting thereof each year.

13.4 EXCUSE

The Chief Judge or Presiding Judge shall have charge of excusing summoned jurors from service and regulating their assignments to the various judges.

13.5 ASSESSABLE COSTS OF JURY VENIRE

If for any reason attributable to counsel or parties, including a settlement, change of plea, or waiver of jury, the Court is unable to commence a jury trial as scheduled, and a panel of prospective jurors has reported to the courthouse for voir dire, the Court may assess against counsel or parties responsible for all or part of the cost of the panel.