

ROBERT B. HELFRICH
CIRCUIT JUDGE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

Ladies and Gentlemen:

You have been summoned to appear before the Circuit Court as jurors during the week beginning with the date indicated on your summons. Jury service is not only a privilege but a responsibility of free men and women, as citizens in this republic of united states. You should complete the enclosed questionnaire in your own hand-writing using black ink only and have it with you when you appear on the date indicated for jury duty. Mississippi law permits certain claimed exemptions or excuses from jury service. Should you claims an exemption or excuse either because of statutory exemption or personal hardship, you should proceed as follows:

1. The following persons are eligible from serving as jurors under Section 13-5-23 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended effective July 1, 1976. All qualified persons, other than lawyers practicing their profession and physicians actually in practice, shall be liable to serve as jurors. If the exemption is claimed under one of the above categories, please so state in the affidavit on the reverse side here of and return to the Clerk immediately. It will not be necessary that you appear in court. If you do not wish to claim the exemption, you may appear and serve.
2. If you claim an exemption based of illness to yourself or illness to another who would require your attendance, please return a doctor's certificate stating to the Clerk immediately. It will not be necessary that you appear. When the excuse is claimed because your attendance is required due to illness of another, every effort should be made to have someone else attend the person so that you can serve on jury duty.
3. If your attendance would cause serious financial loss to yourself or your business, please complete the affidavit explaining this and return it to the Clerk immediately with a telephone number where you can be reached. You should not call the Clerk and unless the Clerk notifies you that you are excused, it will be necessary that you appear at the time indicated on the summons.
4. If you are over 65 years of age or have served on the regular panel as a juror in Circuit Court in the actual trial of one or more cases within two years and do not wish to serve, so state on the affidavit and return to the Clerk immediately. It will not be necessary that you appear. You may serve if you desire. If there is a deficiency of jurors, the Clerk may notify you to appear.
5. If you claim any other excuse because of emergency or hardship to yourself, please state your reasons on the affidavit and return it to the Clerk with your telephone number immediately. You should not call the Clerk and unless you are notified by the Clerk that you are excused, it will be necessary that you appear as indicated.

Unless you are excused automatically under one of the categories listed in Paragraph 1 above, or are notified by the Clerk that you are excused, you must report for jury service. Failure to attend could result in a fine not exceeding \$100 being assessed by the Court under Section 13-5-35 of the Mississippi Code of 1972.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Yours very truly,



Robert B. Helfrich, Circuit Judge

This affidavit should be returned to the Clerk at the following address:

Circuit Clerk, Jury Department
P. O. Box 198
New Augusta, Mississippi 39462-0198

It is not necessary to complete this affidavit if you appear in Court as summoned.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF PERRY

Phone # _____

I, _____, first being duly sworn, state that I have been summoned for jury duty before the Circuit Court for Perry County, Mississippi on _____, 20 _____, and that I do not wish to serve for the following reasons:

By signing this statement, I hereby swear or affirm to the Circuit Court that the matters and facts set forth above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Witness my signature on this the _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

Juror