



CHAPTER 9

ARTICLE 1 - JURY COMMISSIONS, PREPARATION OF JURY LISTS, AND DRAWING OF PANELS

N.C.G.S. § 9-2.

Preparation of master jury list; sources of names.

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General Statutes of North Carolina, as published by the General Assembly	S.L. 2012-180, s. 1 — nineteenth act in the lineage	21 September 2026, 01:59 UTC	ee8a554cb7a5f3c513ef961e - 5c72183ce8e4549b9d5c2f81 - 0f06c963156c4e40

- § 9-2(a)** It shall be the duty of the jury commission during every odd-numbered year to prepare a master list of prospective jurors qualified under this Chapter to serve in the biennium beginning on January 1 of the next year. Instead of providing a master list for an entire biennium, the commission may prepare a master list each year if the senior regular resident superior court judge requests in writing that it do so.
- § 9-2(b)** In preparing the master list, the jury commission shall use the list of registered voters and persons with drivers license records supplied to the county by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles pursuant to G.S. 20-43.4. The commission may use fewer than all the names from the list if it uses a random method of selection. The commission may use other sources of names deemed by it to be reliable.
- § 9-2(c)** ,(d) Repealed by Session Laws 2003-226, s. 7(d), effective January 1, 2004.
- § 9-2(e)** The jury commission shall merge the entire list of names of each source used and randomly select the desired number of names to form the master list.
- § 9-2(f)** The master list shall contain not less than one and one-quarter times and not more than three times as many names as were drawn for jury duty in all courts in the county during the previous biennium, or, if an annual list is being prepared as requested under subsection (a) of this section the master list shall contain not less than one and one-quarter times and not more than three times as many names as were drawn for

jury duty in all courts in the county during the previous year but in no event shall the list include fewer than 500 names, except that in counties in which a different panel of jurors is selected for each day of the week, there is no limit to the number of names that may be placed on the master list.

§ 9-2(g) Repealed by Session Laws 2003-226, s. 7(d), effective January 1, 2004.

§ 9-2(h) As used in this section "random" or "randomly" refers to a method of selection that results in each name on a list having an equal opportunity to be selected.

§ 9-2(i) To facilitate random selection of jurors, all the names on the master list may be sorted into random order before the first panel is drawn. Thereafter, names may be selected sequentially from the randomized list without further randomization, except as required by G.S. 15A-1214.

§ 9-2(j) The procedure for performing the preparation of the master list shall be in writing, adopted by the jury commission, and kept available for public inspection in the office of the clerk of court. The procedure must effectively preserve the authorized grounds for disqualification, the right of public access to the master list of prospective jurors as provided by G.S. 9-4, and the time sequence for drawing and summoning a jury panel.

§ 9-2(k) In counties utilizing electronic data processing equipment, the functions of preparing and maintaining custody of the master list of prospective jurors, the procedure for drawing and summoning panels of jurors, and the procedure for maintaining records of names of jurors who have served, been excused or disqualified, or whose service has been deferred may be performed by this equipment, except that decisions as to mental or physical competence of prospective jurors shall continue to be made by jury commissioners.

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APPARATUS I
19 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1806	c. 694, P.R.	ENACTED
02	1806	Code, ss. 1722, 1723	AMENDED
03	1889	c. 559	AMENDED
04	1897	cc. 117, 539	AMENDED
05	1899	c. 729	AMENDED
06	Rev.	s. 1957	RECODIFIED
07	C.S.	s. 2312	RECODIFIED
08	1947	c. 1007, s. 1	AMENDED
09	1967	c. 218, s. 1	AMENDED
10	1969	c. 205, s. 1	AMENDED
11	1969	c. 1190, s. 49½	AMENDED
12	1973	c. 83, ss. 1, 2	AMENDED
13	1981	c. 430, s. 1	AMENDED
14	1981	c. 720, s. 1	AMENDED
15	1981	1981 (Reg. Sess., 1982), c. 1226, s. 1	AMENDED
16	1983	c. 197, s. 2	AMENDED
17	2003	S.L. 2003-226, s. 7(d)	AMENDED
18	2007	S.L. 2007-512, s. 1	AMENDED
19	2012	S.L. 2012-180, s. 1	AMENDED

APPARATUS II

3 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 20-43.4	(b)	<i>"Commissioner of Motor Vehicles pursuant to"</i>
G.S. 15A-1214	(i)	<i>"further randomization, except as required by"</i>
G.S. 9-4	(i)	<i>"of prospective jurors as provided by"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 9-2 (2012).

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