

Jury Duty in White Pine County

Jury Duty Hotline: (775) 289-7722

Obtain an excuse from jury duty: (775) 293-6550 or (775) 293-6560

Contact the Jury Commissioner about your eligibility as a juror: (775) 293-6509

Congratulations! You have been selected to be a juror in White Pine County. In order to be a juror, you must have met the following qualifications:

NRS 6.010 Persons qualified to act as jurors. Except as otherwise provided in this section, every qualified elector of the State, whether registered or not, who has sufficient knowledge of the English language, and who has not been convicted of treason, a felony, or other infamous crime, and who is not rendered incapable by reason of physical or mental infirmity, is a qualified juror of the county in which the person resides. A person who has been convicted of a felony is not a qualified juror of the county in which the person resides until the person's civil right to serve as a juror has been restored pursuant to NRS 176A.850, 179.285, 213.090, 213.155 or 213.157.

If you feel that you should be exempt from serving as a juror, you must meet any of the following conditions:

NRS 6.020 Exemptions from service.

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3 and NRS 67.050, upon satisfactory proof, made by affidavit or otherwise, the following-named persons, and no others, are exempt from service as grand or trial jurors:

(a) While the Legislature is in session, any member of the Legislature or any employee of the Legislature or the Legislative Counsel Bureau;

(b) Any person who has a fictitious address pursuant to NRS 217.462 to 217.471, inclusive; and

(c) Any police officer as defined in NRS 617.135.

2. All persons of the age of 70 years or over are exempt from serving as grand or trial jurors.

Whenever it appears to the satisfaction of the court, by affidavit or otherwise, that a juror is over the age of 70 years, the court shall order the juror excused from all service as a grand or trial juror, if the juror so desires.

3. A person who is the age of 65 years or over who lives 65 miles or more from the court is exempt from serving as a grand or trial juror. Whenever it appears to the satisfaction of the court, by affidavit or otherwise, that a juror is the age of 65 years or over and lives 65 miles or more from the court, the court shall order the juror excused from all service as a grand or trial juror, if the juror so desires.

If you cannot attend jury duty, you must contact a Judge's secretary at (775) 293-6550 or (775) 293-6560. They will provide you with an affidavit to describe the reason for needing to be excused. They will consider the following reasons:

NRS 6.030 Grounds for excusing jurors.

1. The court may at any time temporarily excuse any juror on account of:

(a) Sickness or physical disability.

(b) Serious illness or death of a member of the juror's immediate family.

(c) Undue hardship or extreme inconvenience.

(d) Public necessity.

2. In addition to the reasons set forth in subsection 1, the court may at any time temporarily excuse a person who provides proof that the person is the primary caregiver of another person who has a documented medical condition which requires the assistance of another person at all times.

3. A person temporarily excused shall appear for jury service as the court may direct.

4. The court shall permanently excuse any person from service as a juror if the person is incapable, by reason of a permanent physical or mental disability, of rendering satisfactory service as a juror. The court may require the prospective juror to submit a physician's certificate concerning the nature and extent of the disability and the certifying physician may be required to testify concerning the disability when the court so directs.

If you fail to attend jury duty and your absence is not excused by our Judicial Departments, you may face the following:

NRS 6.040 Penalty for failing to attend and serve as a juror. Any person summoned as provided in this chapter to serve as a juror, who fails to attend and serve as a juror, shall, unless excused by the court, be ordered by the court to appear and show cause for his or her failure to attend and serve as a juror. If the person fails to show cause, the person is in contempt and shall be fined not more than \$500.

Jurors who do attend jury duty may be entitled to compensation and/or reimbursement of their travel:

NRS 6.150 Grand jurors and trial jurors in district and justice court.

1. Each person summoned to attend as a grand juror or a trial juror in the district court or justice court is entitled to a fee of \$40 for each day after the second day of jury selection that the person is in attendance in response to the venire or summons, including Sundays and holidays.

2. Each grand juror and trial juror in the district court or justice court actually sworn and serving is entitled to a fee of \$40 a day as compensation for each day of service.

3. In addition to the fees specified in subsections 1 and 2, a board of county commissioners may provide that, for each day of such attendance or service, each person is entitled to be paid the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

4. Each person summoned to attend as a grand juror or a trial juror in the district court or justice court and each grand juror and trial juror in the district court or justice court is entitled to receive 36.5 cents a mile for each mile necessarily and actually traveled if the home of the person summoned or serving as a juror is 30 miles or more from the place of trial.

5. If the home of a person summoned or serving as such a juror is 65 miles or more from the place of trial and the selection, inquiry or trial lasts more than 1 day, the person is entitled to receive an allowance for lodging at the rate established for state employees, in addition to his or her daily compensation for attendance or service, for each day on which the person does not return to his or her home.

6. In civil cases, any fee, per diem allowance, travel expense or other compensation due each juror engaged in the trial of the cause must be paid each day in advance to the clerk of the court, or the justice of the peace, by the party who has demanded the jury. If the party paying this money is the prevailing party, the money is recoverable as costs from the losing party. If the jury from any cause is discharged in a civil action without finding a verdict and the party who demands the jury subsequently obtains judgment, the money so paid is recoverable as costs from the losing party.

7. The money paid by a county clerk to jurors for their services in a civil action or proceeding, which the county clerk has received from the party demanding the jury, must be deducted from the total amount due them for attendance as such jurors, and any balance is a charge against the county.

Thank you for being a good citizen of White Pine County and performing your civic duty to serve as a fair and impartial juror in a case in District Court. If you have any questions about jury duty, please contact the Jury Commissioner at (775) 293-6509. Thank you.

White Pine County Clerk's Office