

**Information for Jurors Franklin County Tennessee  
General Information : Franklin County is in the 12th Judicial  
District**

**Along with Grundy, Marion, Rhea, Bledsoe, and Sequatchie  
Counties**

*The Circuit Court Judges  
The Honorable Thomas W. Graham  
The Honorable J. Curtis Smith  
The Honorable Buddy D. Perry*

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*In Franklin County, jurors are selected by a computer program which  
selects jurors from a master list of persons 18 years of age and older, who  
have a Franklin County drivers license.*

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*On the days we do need you for jury duty, you'll report by 8:30 a.m. to the  
Circuit Court Clerks Office, Second Floor of the Franklin County  
Courthouse. You can park in one of the parking lots off the square or in  
one of the 2-hour parking spaces. Jurors are exempt from the 2-hour  
parking limitation. Casual dress is acceptable for jury duty, with exception  
of shorts.*

*(Please do not wear T-shirts or other clothing with offensive or suggestive  
writing.)*

*Cell Phones, Beepers, And pagers MUST be turned OFF before entering  
the courtroom.*

*(Violators are subject to a \$50.00 Fine.)*

*Knives and other weapons are subject to confiscation.*

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***Employer Information***

*Excuse for jury duty: TCA 22-4-108 Provides that any employee  
summoned for jury duty must show the summons to the employee's  
immediate superior, and the employee shall thereupon be excused from  
employment for the day or days required of the employee while serving as  
a juror. The employee is entitled to such such employee's usual  
compensation received from such employment, less the amount of the  
compensation the employee receives for serving as a juror. Employers are*

*not required ,however, to compensate an employee for more time than was actually spent serving and traveling to and from jury duty.*

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***Employers Exempted***

*These provisions do not apply to an employer who employs on a regular basis less than (5) people or to any employee who has been employed on a temporary basis for less then (6) months*

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***Shift Workers***

*TCA 22-4-108 (A) (2) Provides that if an employee summoned for jury duty is working during hours preceding those in which court is normally held, such employee shall also be excused from employment as provided by this section for the shift immediately preceding the employee's jury service. When an employee's responsibility for jury duty exceeds three hours during a day, then such person shall be excused from his/her next scheduled work period occurring within twenty four hours of such a day of jury service.*

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***Penalties***

*Employers who discharge or in any manner discriminate against an employee for service on jury duty are subject to certain penalties, as provided by TCA 22-4-108*

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***Disqualifications, Exemptions, And Request for Excuse***  
*Under Tennessee law , some persons are not legally qualified to act as jurors.*

*\*Persons not living in Franklin County for at least 12 months prior to being summonsd for jury duty.*

*\*Persons with a case pending in the Circuit Court of Franklin County.*

*\*Persons who have served on jury duty within the past two years. \*Persons with a felony conviction. \*Non-citizens of the United States*

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***Sole proprietors exemptions TCA 22-1-103 (D)***

*Provides complete exemption from jury duty for individuals who operate their business as sole proprietors.*

*"Sole proprietor" Means a professional who conducts a practice and who does not have a partner or replacement*

*"Sole proprietor" Includes ,but is not limited to, physicians, dentist, attorney, and pharmacist, who operate sole practices*

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*Occupational and Disability Exemptions TCA 22-1-103*

*\* Persons over 65 years of age . \*Persons disabled by bodily infirmity.*

*\*Persons with hearing or seeing impairments . \*Acting Professors or teachers of any college, school or institution of learning.*

*\*Licensed dentists, optometrists and podiatrists (TCA 63-5-123,63-8-117,63-3-118) \*Members of fire companies and full time law enforcement officers. \*Persons holding office under the laws of the United States or of this State . \*Persons serving in the National Guard while actually in the military service of the State. \*Practicing attorneys, certified public accountants, physicians,pharmacists and clergymen. \*Practicing registered professional nurses upon written confirmation by the hospital administrator*

*that the jury duty service would compromise patient care.*