

THE NEXT GENERATION OF JURY MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE









## **mJUROR**



Webb County, Texas
Jury Process Conversion
One Step → Two Step
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## CONVERTING WEBB COUNTY FROM A ONE STEP JURY PROCESS TO A TWO STEP JURY PROCESS

Webb County currently implements the one-step jury process method. The current juror yield is approximately 33%. When jurors currently arrive for their appearance date, some may be disqualified. This is not determined until after jurors are checked in which takes time to decipher through the qualified and disqualified jurors. The two-step method is more efficient, creates less inconvenience for jurors, saves the county money and the juror yield increases to 90% and higher. On appearance day, the jurors that are instructed to report are qualified, which eliminates delays on appearance day trying to sort out the disqualified from the qualified. ALL jurors that report have been qualified and are ready to serve.

Webb County will send out qualification postcards for the first step. Potential jurors will then access the 24/7 iJuror or JIMS system to complete their qualification questions. If a potential juror is not able to access one of those two methods, then the jury office can mail a paper questionnaire for the juror to complete and mail back. The postage for a qualification postcard is approximately \$0.35, which is less then the cost of sending a summons. Webb County will send approximately 40,000 qualification postcards annually. This number may be reduced if less trials or increased if more trials.

The second step of the two-step method is sending out the postcard summons. This number is drastically reduced. Currently Webb County mails approximately 49,000 summons annually. With the two-step method, the mailing of summons would be reduced to approximately 7,500 summons annually. The postage for a postcard summons is \$0.50. The approximate annual money savings just from the mailing process is between \$6,750.00 - \$9,000.00. The other cost savings is from juror pay. Not having to summons as many jurors reduces the amount of first day juror pay that the county is having to pay jurors who are disqualified. Also, the time saved on appearance day is increased because 99% of the jurors are qualified. There are the 1% that between the time they were qualified and then summoned may have did something to disqualify themselves. Counties in Texas using our system that have already implemented the two-step method are as follows:

Cameron County El Paso County Galveston County Grayson County Johnson County Midland County Orange County

1 DATA CONVERSION AND ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING		COST
A. Converting iJuror, JIMS, and Jury2020Plus Administrative System		\$9,000.00
to utilize the two-step jury process.		
Create questionnaire, postcard questionnaire, postcard summons,		
data conversion and additional programming (15 days off-site @		
\$600.00 per day).		
2 INSTALLATION AND TRAINING		
A. Installation and Training of above (3 days on-site @ \$980.00 per		\$5,340.00
day, 4 days off-site @ \$600.00 per day).		
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Travel Expenses not to exceed \$1,675.00		\$1,675.00
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\*Pricing good through July 30, 2020