

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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MURRAY L. HARRIS, CLERK

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Jay Vandewer

GENERAL ORDER NO. 92-13

IN RE: CONTINUED USE OF ONE-STEP JURY SUMMONING AND
QUALIFICATION

Because Congress did not act on the Judiciary's 1991 housekeeping bill which included an amendment to section 1878 of the Jury Act to allow courts to use a one-step procedure, authorization for the one-step procedure expired on January 1, 1992.

Until such time as the bill can be introduced this year, this Court must evaluate the continued use of the one-step procedure for summoning jurors. Under procedures currently in effect in this District, it appears that there is no deviation from the substantive policies served by the Jury Act. To further ensure that compliance with the Jury Act is maintained, it is hereby

ORDERED that the Clerk shall refrain from giving prospective jurors a reporting date on the summons form itself until Congress passes this noncontroversial legislation with a savings clause to ratify continuation of the onestep process.

SIGNED this 14th day of May, 1992.

Robert M. Parker

ROBERT M. PARKER
CHIEF JUDGE