

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSE

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Thomas M. Gould, Clerk U. S. District Court W. D. OF TN, Memohia

## IN RE: ADOPTION OF MODIFICATION TO THIS DISTRICT'S "AMENDED PLAN FOR THE RANDOM SELECTION OF GRAND AND PETIT JURORS"

Administrative Order No. 2020-41

As approved by the Judicial Council of the Sixth Circuit of the United States, and in response to changes to the Federal Judiciary's *Guide to Judiciary Policy* as it relates to Jury Plans, as well as an increase in prospective jurors being exempted, excluded, disqualified, or otherwise excused from jury service in the Eastern Division as a result of the demographics of the counties comprised therein and the impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it is therefore

ORDERED that section VIII of the Court's Amended Plan for the Random Selection of Grand and Petit Jurors (hereinafter "the Plan") be amended to read that the draw from the master wheel in the Eastern Division shall be increased from Two Hundred Fifty (250) to Three Hundred Fifty (350) for the month of November 2020 and, depending upon the Clerk's ability to secure an adequate number of trial jurors and grand jurors for the month of November 2020 and based on his evaluation of whether the Clerk should continue to draw Three Hundred Fifty (350) names for every month following November 2020 or reduce the draw to a lesser number of names, the Eastern Division draw will remain at Three Hundred Fifty (350) unless or until modified by the Court.

ORDERED that a new section XI be inserted into the Plan to read that, in the public interest, consistent with law, and not inconsistent with the Jury Selection and Service Act, members of the Armed Forces on active duty, members of professional fire and police departments of state and local governments, and public officers of the United States or state or local governments who are actively engaged in the performance of public duties, be barred from jury service.

ORDERED that a new section XV be added to the Plan to read that all papers and records compiled and maintained by the Clerk of Court before the Master Jury Wheel is emptied be preserved in the custody of the Clerk for four (4) years, or for such longer period as may be ordered by the Court, and shall be available for public inspection for the purpose of determining the valid

selection of any jury, and that the names of any persons summoned for prospective grand jury service and the names of those serving on grand juries remain confidential unless or until otherwise ordered by the Court.

ORDERED that the Clerk of Court notify the Sixth Circuit Judicial Council, the Administrative Office of the United States, and the Attorney General of the United States of the modification herein described, consistent with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1863(a).

FOR THE COURT this 9th day of November, 2020,

s/ S. Thomas Anderson S. THOMAS ANDERSON CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE