

SENATE BILL No. 310

By Committee on Judiciary

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1 AN ACT concerning grand juries; amending K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 22-3001
2 and 22-3015 and repealing the existing sections.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 22-3001 is hereby amended to read as
6 follows: 22-3001. (a) A majority of the district judges in any judicial
7 district may order a grand jury to be summoned in any county in the
8 district when it is determined to be in the public interest.

9 (b) The district or county attorney in such attorney's county may
10 petition the chief judge or the chief judge's designee in such district court
11 to order a grand jury to be summoned in the designated county in the
12 district to consider any alleged felony law violation, *including any alleged*
13 *misdemeanor law violation which arises as part of the same criminal*
14 *conduct or investigation.* The attorney general in any judicial district may
15 petition the chief judge or the chief judge's designee in such judicial
16 district to order a grand jury to be summoned in the designated county in
17 the district to consider any alleged felony law violation, *including any*
18 *alleged misdemeanor law violation which arises as part of the same*
19 *criminal conduct or investigation,* if authorized by the district or county
20 attorney in such judicial district or if jurisdiction is otherwise authorized
21 by law. The chief judge or the chief judge's designee in the district court of
22 the county shall then consider the petition and, if it is found that the
23 petition is in proper form, as set forth in this subsection, shall order a
24 grand jury to be summoned within 15 days after receipt of such petition.

25 (c) (1) A grand jury shall be summoned in any county within 60 days
26 after a petition praying therefor is presented to the district court, bearing
27 the signatures of a number of electors equal to 100 plus 2% of the total
28 number of votes cast for governor in the county in the last preceding
29 election.

30 (2) The petition, upon its face, shall state the name, address and
31 phone number of the person filing the petition, the subject matter of the
32 prospective grand jury, a reasonably specific identification of areas to be
33 inquired into and sufficient general allegations to warrant a finding that
34 such inquiry may lead to information which, if true, would warrant a true
35 bill of indictment.

36 (3) The petition shall be in substantially the following form:

1 The undersigned qualified electors of the county of _____
2 and state of Kansas hereby request that the district court of
3 _____ county, Kansas, within 60 days after the filing of this
4 petition, cause a grand jury to be summoned in the county to investigate
5 alleged violations of law and to perform such other duties as may be
6 authorized by law.

7 The signatures to the petition need not all be affixed to one paper, but
8 each paper to which signatures are affixed shall have substantially the
9 foregoing form written or printed at the top thereof. Each signer shall add
10 to such signer's signature such signer's place of residence, giving the street
11 and number or rural route number, if any. One of the signers of each paper
12 shall verify upon oath that each signature appearing on the paper is the
13 genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be and that such
14 signer believes that the statements in the petition are true. The petition
15 shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the district court who shall
16 forthwith transmit it to the county election officer, who shall determine
17 whether the persons whose signatures are affixed to the petition are
18 qualified electors of the county. Thereupon, the county election officer
19 shall return the petition to the clerk of the district court, together with such
20 election officer's certificate stating the number of qualified electors of the
21 county whose signatures appear on the petition and the aggregate number
22 of votes cast for all candidates for governor in the county in the last
23 preceding election. The judge or judges of the district court of the county
24 shall then consider the petition and, if it is found that the petition is in
25 proper form and bears the signatures of the required number of electors, a
26 grand jury shall be ordered to be summoned.

27 (4) After a grand jury is summoned pursuant to this subsection, but
28 before it begins deliberations, the judge or judges of the district court of
29 the county in which the petition is presented shall provide instructions to
30 the grand jury regarding its conduct and deliberations, which instructions
31 shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

32 (A) You have been impaneled as a grand jury pursuant to a citizens'
33 petition filed in this court, signed by (insert number) qualified electors of
34 this county, stating (insert the subject matter described in the petition,
35 including a reasonably specific identification of the areas to be inquired
36 into and the allegations sufficient to warrant a finding that the grand jury's
37 inquiry may lead to information which, if true, would warrant a true bill of
38 indictment.) You are charged with making inquiry with regard to this
39 subject matter and determining whether the facts support allegations
40 warranting a true bill of indictment.

41 (B) The person filing the citizens' petition filed in this court must be
42 the first witness you call for the purpose of presenting evidence and
43 testimony as to the subject matter and allegations of the petition.

1 (C) You may, with the approval of this court, employ special counsel
2 and investigators, and incur such other expense for services and supplies
3 as you and this court deem necessary. Any special counsel or investigator
4 you employ shall be selected by a majority vote of your grand jury. You
5 may make such selection only after hearing testimony from the person
6 who filed the citizens' petition. You may utilize the services of any special
7 counsel or investigator you employ instead of, or in addition to, the
8 services of the prosecuting attorney.

9 (D) If any witness duly summoned to appear and testify before you
10 fails or refuses to obey, compulsory process will be issued by this court to
11 enforce the witness' attendance.

12 (E) If any witness appearing before you refuses to testify or to answer
13 any questions asked in the course of the witness' examination, you shall
14 communicate that fact to this court in writing, together with a statement
15 regarding the question the witness refuses to answer. This court will
16 determine and inform you of whether the witness is bound to answer or
17 not. However, no witness appearing before you can be compelled to make
18 any statement which will incriminate such witness.

19 (F) Any person may file a written request with the prosecuting
20 attorney or with the foreman of the grand jury and request to testify or
21 retestify in an inquiry before a grand jury or to appear before a grand jury.
22 Any written request shall include a summary of such person's written
23 testimony.

24 (G) At the conclusion of your inquiry and determination, you will
25 return either a no bill of indictment or a true bill of indictment.

26 (d) The grand jury shall consist of 15 members and shall be drawn,
27 qualified and summoned in the same manner as petit jurors for the district
28 court. Twelve members thereof shall constitute a quorum. The judge or
29 judges ordering the grand jury shall direct that a sufficient number of
30 legally qualified persons be summoned for service as grand jurors.

31 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 22-3015 is hereby amended to read as
32 follows: 22-3015. (a) *Matters of form, time, place, names.* At any time
33 before or during trial, the court may, upon application of the people and
34 with notice to the defendant and opportunity for the defendant to be heard,
35 order the amendment of an indictment with respect to defects, errors or
36 variances from the proof relating to matters of form, time, place and names
37 of persons when such amendment does not change the substance of the
38 charge, and does not prejudice the defendant on the merits. Upon ordering
39 an amendment, the court, for good cause shown, may grant a continuance
40 to provide the defendant adequate opportunity to prepare a defense.

41 (b) *Prohibition as to matters of substance.* An indictment shall not be
42 amended as to the substance of the offense charged, *except that the court*
43 *may, upon application of the people and with notice to the defendant and*

1 *opportunity for the defendant to be heard, order the amendment of an*
2 *indictment for the limited purpose of effecting a change of plea by the*
3 *defendant pursuant to a plea agreement reached between the defendant*
4 *and the prosecuting attorney.*

5 (c) This section shall be part of and supplemental to article 30 of
6 chapter 22 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

7 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 22-3001 and 22-3015 are hereby repealed.

8 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
9 publication in the statute book.