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Sec. 146. A petit or trial jury, is a body of men not less than twenty-four, nor more than thirty-six in number, returned at stated periods from the citizens of the county, before the district court of each of the organized counties of this territory, chosen by the county commissioners in the several organized counties, as hereinbefore provided by law, to try all issues of fact, either civil or criminal before said Sec. 147. A petit or trial jury must be drawn for every term of

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the district court, in each of the organized counties of this territory.

The qualifications and disabilities of petit or trial jurors

When less than thirty-six may be summoned.

Sec. 150. It shall and may be lawful for the judge of the district court, in any of the organized counties of this territory to order a less number of petit or trial jurors, than thirty-six to be summoned to attend the sessions of said court, and such order made and filed in the clerk's office of the proper county, shall be deemed sufficient authority to the clerk to issue a venire for the number mentioned in such order; Provided, That the number shall not be less than twenty-four; and provided further, That if no order shall have been made at least fifteen days before the sitting of such court, the clerk shall proceed to draw thirtysix in number.

OF THE FORMATION OF THE TRIAL JURY.

Ballols of jurors drawn to be put in a box.

Sec. 151. At the opening of the court, the clerk must prepare separate ballots, containing the names of the persons returned as jurors, which must be folded as nearly alike as possible, and so that the name cannot be seen, and must deposit them in a sufficient box.

When names of all the jurors to be called, attachment may issue.

When the indictment is called for trial, and before drawing the jury, either party may require the names of all the jurors in the panel to be called, and that an attachment issue against those who are absent; but the court may, in its discretion, wait or not, for the return of the attachment.

Drawing the jury.

Sec. 153. Before the name of any juror is drawn, the box must be

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closed, and shaken, so as to intermingle the ballots therein, the clerk must then, without looking at the ballots, draw them from the box, through a hole in the lid, so large only as conveniently to admit the hand.

Sec. 154. When the jury is completed, the ballots containing the names of the jurors sworn, must be laid aside, and kept apart from the ballots containing the names of the other jurors, until the jury so sworn is discharged.

Sec. 155. After the jury are so discharged, the ballots, containing their names, must be again folded, and returned to the box; and so on, as often as a trial is had.

Sec. 156. If a juror be absent, when his name is drawn, or be set aside, or excused from serving on the trial, the ballot containing his name must be folded, and returned to the box, as soon as the jury is sworn.

Sec. 157. When by reason of challenge, or otherwise, a sufficient number of jurors duly drawn and summoned, cannot be obtained for the trial of any cause, civil or criminal, the court shall cause jurors to be returned from the by-standers, or from the county at large, to complete the panel.

Sec. 158. The jurors so returned from the by-standers, shall be returned by the sheriff or his deputy, or by a coroner, or by any disinterested person appointed therefor by the court.

Sec. 159. The persons so returned shall be such as are qualified and liable to be drawn as jurors, according to the provisions of law.

Sec. 160. The jury consists of twelve men, chosen by lot, as prescribed in this chapter, and sworn to try and determine the issue by an unanimous verdict

Sec. 161. If a sufficient number cannot be obtained from the box to form a jury, the court may, as often as is necessary, order the sheriff to summon so many persons, qualified to serve as jurors, as it deems sufficient to form a jury, the jurors so summoned must be called from the list returned by the sheriff, and so many of them, not excused or discharged, as may be necessary to complete the jury, must be impannelled and sworn.

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