

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

No. 15104

Governor of the State of Texas

ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

May 17, 1955

REPRODUCED FROM THE
HOLDINGS OF THE
TEXAS STATE ARCHIVES

WHEREAS, House Bill 420,

"AN ACT amending Article 2094, Chapter 7, Title 42, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended by Acts 1929, Forty-first Legislature, Page 89, Chapter 43, Section 1, providing for jury wheel system of selecting jurors in certain counties having a population of at least fifty-eight thousand (58,000) inhabitants or having therein a city having a population of at least twenty thousand (20,000) as shown by the preceding Federal Census; prescribing duties of the Tax Collector, Tax Assessor, Sheriff, County Clerk and District Clerk in regard thereto; provided in discretion of Commissioners Court in all counties having a population of at least twenty-four thousand, one hundred and fifty (24,150) and not more than twenty-five thousand (25,000) inhabitants jury wheel system of selecting jurors may be adopted, and declaring an emergency,"

passed by the 44th Legislature in regular session and is now before me, as Governor, for approval or veto; and

WHEREAS, the Act contains an amendment to Article 2094 providing that the jury wheel shall apply in counties of not less than 24,150 and not more than 25,000 population, and which said bill is admittedly intended to apply only to Wood County; and

WHEREAS, the Court of Criminal Appeals has recently held invalid as a local bill similar statute dealing with McLennan County with a small margin, and this bill is nearly unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, if this bill were signed and followed by the district court of Wood County, it would probably result in the reversal of criminal cases tried under same,

NOW, therefore, I, James V. Allred, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do hereby proclaim said bill and for the reasons above set out and now on file in the office of the Secretary of State.



James V. Allred
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Governor of Texas

By the Governor:

Gerald B. Mason
Secretary of State

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