

2012 APAAC Proposed Legislation

Topic: Presently, the length of a Grand Jury is 120 days (4 months). The statutory change we are looking for is to give individual counties the discretion of empaneling a Grand Jury up to 180 days (6 months). In Navajo County alone this will reduce the costs associated with the travel for the grand jurors by one third.

Proposed Text:

Option One:

21-403. Term of grand jury

Grand juries called pursuant to section 21-402 shall serve for a term designated by the presiding judge of the superior court which shall not exceed one hundred twenty days **in a county with a population of two hundred thousand or more and one hundred eighty days in a county with a population of less than two hundred thousand**, unless at the end of such period the grand jury is serving in connection with unfinished inquiries or investigations, in which event the term may be extended by the presiding judge, upon petition by the county attorney stating the reasons therefor, until the conclusion of the investigation.

Option Two:

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INSERT: Grand juries called pursuant to section 21-402(A) shall serve for a term designated by the presiding judge of the superior court which shall not exceed one hundred twenty days, unless at the end of such period the grand jury is serving in connection with unfinished inquiries or investigations, in which event the term may be extended by the presiding judge, upon petition by the county attorney stating the reasons therefor, until the conclusion of the investigation. Grand juries called pursuant to section 21-402(B) shall serve for a term designated by the presiding judge of the superior court which shall not exceed one hundred eighty days, unless at the end of such period the grand jury is serving in connection with unfinished inquiries or investigations, in which event the term may be extended by the presiding judge, upon petition by the county attorney stating the reasons therefor, until the conclusion of the investigation.

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