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The Honorable Herbert Slatery, III, Attorney General
The Great State of Tennessee
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General Slatery:

This question continues to arise in Hamilton County, Senate District 11.

I submit it for your consideration.

“Does the naming of the foreman by the criminal court judges and their holding office for many years—apart from the randomly selected venire—impose a system of bias and discrimination on the grand jury that injures defendants’ rights to due process and to an impartial system of justice, thereby abrogating the grand jury’s role as guardian of the people’s rights and liberties?”

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bo Watson
TN State Senator