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Time between jury duty stints now eight years in county

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People who do their jury duty in Onondaga County will have a longer time period before they are put back in the pool as potential jurors once again, officials announced Friday.

Beginning May 1, there will be an eight-year exemption for people who are summoned for jury duty in Syracuse, Onondaga County and state Supreme Court, according to 5th Judicial District Administrative Judge James Tormey and Onondaga County Commissioner of Jurors Sidney Oglesby.

The period of time a person was exempt from service after doing jury duty had recently been extended from four to six years, but policies implemented in recent years will enable local officials to extend it to eight years, Tormey and Oglesby announced at a courthouse news conference.

"We think the public will be very pleased to learn that," Tormey said.

Tormey said officials believe there are sufficient people in the jury pool to accommodate the extended exemption period, and new practices enable officials to make jury duty more efficient and less expensive, Tormey said.

Those practices include the state's elimination of automatic exemptions from serving jury duty for certain occupations.

Additionally, jury officials have reviewed 20,000 medical exemptions, resulting in about 10,000 of those people being placed back in the jury pool each year, Tormey said.

The result is about 25 percent fewer jurors being called for duty at a savings of \$40 a day per juror, he explained.

Tormey said Oglesby will be working toward implementing the extended exemption period for jurors in the other five counties in the local judicial district.
