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SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

No. 2019-KD-590

STATE OF LOUISIANA

VERSUS

GROVER CANNON

**ON SUPERVISORY WRIT TO THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE PARISH OF CADDO**

PER CURIAM

Stay lifted. Writ granted. Defendant has shown that, under the system employed in East Baton Rouge Parish, persons born after June 2, 1993, otherwise qualified to serve on the jury, were never given an opportunity to serve, because their names were excluded from the general venire as a result of a significant error in the process by which the general venire was composed. That exclusion resulted in a general venire that was improperly constituted under Code of Criminal Procedure articles 401 et seq. and Louisiana Constitutional Articles I, § 3 (“No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws.”) and V, § 33 (“A citizen of the state who has reached the age of majority is eligible to serve as a juror within the parish in which he is domiciled.”). Accordingly, we grant defendant’s application to reverse the rulings of the courts below, grant defendant’s motion to quash the general venire, and remand to the district court for further proceedings so that a petit jury can be chosen from a general venire that is selected according to law. See State v. Jacko, 444 So. 2d 1185 (La. 1984); State v. Procell, 332 So. 2d 814 (La. 1976).