

## Does A Hazamana Need To Be Issued By Three Dayanim

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**Question:** A friend of mine received a *hazmanah* that was signed by the *Menahel* of a bais din. He thinks that the case is without merit. Can he ask that the bais din itself validate the *hazmanah* before he has to appear before them?

**Answer:** The Gemara in Sanhedrin says that for a *hazmanah* to be binding it has to come from three *Dayanim* of a bais din. It cannot come from the secretary on his own. For this reason, whenever the secretary of bais din writes a *hazmanah*, he writes that he is sending it “*b’shem bais din*”, on behalf of the beis din.

If a person thinks the case against him is frivolous, he has the option to request verification that the bais din itself is behind the *hazmanah*. In reality, the *hazmanah* is almost certainly coming from the *Dayanim* and it is very unlikely that it is completely frivolous, but the party has the right to make his request to ensure that they validate the *hazmanah*.

Today, three *hazmanos* are sent before a *siruv* is issued. The *siruv*, which acts as the final *hazmanah*, always comes from the Bais din itself. If that *hazmanah* is issued, it is assuredly coming from the three *Dayanim*.