

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1578

## 91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### AN ACT

To repeal sections 494.425 and 494.430, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to jury service.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 494.425 and 494.430, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections  
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 494.425 and 494.430, to read as follows:

494.425. The following persons shall be disqualified from serving as a petit or grand  
2 juror:

3 (1) Any person who is less than [twenty-one] **eighteen** years of age;

4 (2) Any person not a citizen of the United States;

5 (3) Any person not a resident of the county or city not within a county served by the  
6 court issuing the summons;

7 (4) Any person who has been convicted of a felony, unless such person has been restored  
8 to [his] **such person's** civil rights;

9 (5) Any person unable to read, speak and understand the English language;

10 (6) Any person on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or any member  
11 of the organized militia on active duty under order of the governor;

12 (7) Any licensed attorney at law;

13 (8) Any judge of a court of record;

14 (9) Any person who, in the judgment of the court or the board of jury commissioners,  
15 is incapable of performing the duties of a juror because of mental or physical illness or infirmity.

494.430. Upon timely application to the court, the following persons shall be excused

**EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

2 from service as a petit or grand juror:

3 (1) Any person actually performing the duties of a clergyman;

4 (2) Any person who has served on a state or federal petit or grand jury within the  
5 preceding year;

6 (3) Any person whose absence from [his] **such person's** regular place of employment  
7 would, in the judgment of the court, tend materially and adversely to affect the public safety,  
8 health, welfare or interest;

9 (4) Any person upon whom service as a juror would in the judgment of the court impose  
10 an extreme hardship;

11 (5) Any person licensed to engage in and actively engaged in the practice of medicine,  
12 osteopathy, chiropractic, dentistry, or pharmacy.