

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 28, 2004

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2271**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Parra**

February 19, 2004

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An act to amend Section 219 of the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to jury selection.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2271, as amended, Parra. Jury selection: peace officers.

Existing law requires the jury commissioner to randomly select jurors for jury panels to be sent to courtrooms for voir dire. Under existing law, certain types of peace officers, as specified, may not be selected for voir dire in civil or criminal matters.

This bill would *further* prohibit ~~additional categories of peace officers, such as state-employed~~ correctional officers ~~of~~ *employed by* the Department of Corrections ~~or the Department of the Youth Authority and Inspector General~~ investigative employees, from being selected for voir dire in civil or criminal matters.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 219 of the Code of Civil Procedure is  
2 amended to read:

1 219. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), the jury  
2 commissioner shall randomly select jurors for jury panels to be  
3 sent to courtrooms for voir dire.

4 (b) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a peace officer, as  
5 defined in Section 830.1, subdivision (a) of Section 830.2, or  
6 subdivision (a) of Section 830.33 of the Penal Code, or a  
7 ~~state-employed peace officer as defined in subdivision (b) of~~  
8 ~~Section 830.5 of the Penal Code~~ *correctional officer employed by*  
9 *the Department of Corrections*, may not be selected for voir dire  
10 in civil or criminal matters.

11 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a peace officer, as defined  
12 in subdivision (b) or (c) of Section 830.2 of the Penal Code, may  
13 not be selected for voir dire in criminal matters.

