

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 9, 2014

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1708

Introduced by Assembly Member Alejo

February 13, 2014

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1708, as amended, Alejo. Jurors: peace officer exemption.

Existing law excludes certain peace officers from voir dire in civil and criminal matters, and other specified peace officers from voir dire in criminal matters.

This bill would exclude additional peace officers, including certain parole officers, probation officers, deputy probation officers, board coordinating parole agents, correctional officers, transportation officers of a probation department, and other employees of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the State Department of Mental Health *State Hospitals*, and the Board of Parole Hearings, from voir dire in civil and 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, ~~or subdivision (a) or (b) of~~
7 ~~Section 830.5~~ of the Penal Code, shall not be selected for voir dire
8 in civil or criminal matters.

9 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a peace officer, as defined
10 in subdivision (b) or (c) of Section ~~830.2~~ 830.2, *or subdivision (a)*
11 *or (b) of Section 830.5* of the Penal Code, shall not be selected for
12 voir dire in criminal matters.