

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 87

Introduced by Assembly Member Mark Stone

January 7, 2015

An act to amend Section 231.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to jurors.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 87, as introduced, Mark Stone. Jurors: peremptory challenge.

Existing law prohibits a party from using a peremptory challenge to remove a prospective juror on the basis of an assumption that the prospective juror is biased merely because of his or her race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, or similar grounds.

This bill would also prohibit a party from using a peremptory challenge to remove a prospective juror on the basis of ethnic group identification, age, genetic information, or disability.

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 231.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 231.5. A party ~~may~~ *shall* not use a peremptory challenge to
- 4 remove a prospective juror on the basis of an assumption that the
- 5 prospective juror is biased merely because of ~~his or her race, color,~~
- 6 ~~religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation~~ *a characteristic*

- 1 *listed or defined in subdivision (a) of Section 11135 of the*
- 2 *Government Code, or similar grounds.*

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