

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 324

Introduced by Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer

February 13, 2015

An act to amend Section 203 of the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to trial jurors.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 324, as introduced, Jones-Sawyer. Trial jurors: eligibility.

Existing law excludes from jury service a person who has been convicted of malfeasance in office. Existing law also excludes from jury service a felon whose civil rights have not been restored.

This bill would eliminate the exclusion of a felon whose civil rights have not been restored and would instead exclude a felon who has been convicted of bribery, perjury, forgery, or other high crimes.

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 203 of the Code of Civil Procedure is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 203. (a) All persons are eligible and qualified to be prospective
- 4 trial jurors, except the following:
- 5 (1) Persons who are not citizens of the United States.
- 6 (2) Persons who are less than 18 years of age.
- 7 (3) Persons who are not domiciliaries of the State of California,
- 8 as determined pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with Section
- 9 2020) of Chapter 1 of Division 2 of the Elections Code.

1 (4) Persons who are not residents of the jurisdiction wherein
2 they are summoned to serve.

3 (5) Persons who have been convicted of *bribery, perjury,*
4 *forgery, malfeasance in office or a felony, and whose civil rights*
5 ~~have not been restored, or other high crimes.~~

6 (6) Persons who are not possessed of sufficient knowledge of
7 the English language, provided that no person shall be deemed
8 incompetent solely because of the loss of sight or hearing in any
9 degree or other disability which impedes the person's ability to
10 communicate or which impairs or interferes with the person's
11 mobility.

12 (7) Persons who are serving as grand or trial jurors in any court
13 of this state.

14 (8) Persons who are the subject of conservatorship.

15 (b) ~~No~~A person shall *not* be excluded from eligibility for jury
16 service in the State of California, for any reason other than those
17 reasons provided by this section.