

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 6, 2015

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 324**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer**

February 13, 2015

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 324, as amended, 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~~ *instead exclude* a felon ~~whose civil rights have not been restored and would instead~~ *who has not completed probation, parole, post-release community supervision, or mandatory supervision. This bill would also categorically exclude* a ~~felon~~ *person* 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.

- 1 (2) Persons who are less than 18 years of age.
- 2 (3) Persons who are not domiciliaries of the State of California,
- 3 as determined pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with Section
- 4 2020) of Chapter 1 of Division 2 of the Elections Code.
- 5 (4) Persons who are not residents of the jurisdiction wherein
- 6 they are summoned to serve.
- 7 (5) Persons who have been convicted of bribery, perjury,
- 8 forgery, malfeasance in office, or other high crimes.
- 9 (6) *Persons who have not completed probation, parole,*
- 10 *post-release community supervision, or mandatory supervision*
- 11 *for the conviction of a felony.*
- 12 ~~(6)~~
- 13 (7) Persons who are not possessed of sufficient knowledge of
- 14 the English language, provided that no person shall be deemed
- 15 incompetent solely because of the loss of sight or hearing in any
- 16 degree or other disability which impedes the person's ability to
- 17 communicate or which impairs or interferes with the person's
- 18 mobility.
- 19 ~~(7)~~
- 20 (8) Persons who are serving as grand or trial jurors in any court
- 21 of this state.
- 22 ~~(8)~~
- 23 (9) Persons who are the subject of conservatorship.
- 24 (b) A person shall not be excluded from eligibility for jury
- 25 service in the State of California, for any reason other than those
- 26 reasons provided by this section.