

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1283**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Ting**

February 27, 2015

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An act to amend Section 204 of the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to civil procedure.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1283, as introduced, Ting. Civil procedure: trial jury selection.

Existing law prohibits an eligible person from being exempt from service as a trial juror by reason of, among other things, economic status, race, religion, sex, or for any other reason.

This bill would specify that marital status is also a prohibited reason to exempt an eligible person from service as a trial juror.

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 204 of the Code of Civil Procedure is  
2     amended to read:  
3     204. (a) ~~No~~An eligible person shall *not* be exempt from service  
4     as a trial juror by reason of occupation, economic *or marital* status,  
5     ~~or~~ any characteristic listed or defined in Section 11135 of the  
6     Government Code, or for any other reason. ~~No~~ A person shall *not*  
7     be excused from service as a trial juror except as specified in  
8     subdivision (b).

- 1 (b) An eligible person may be excused from jury service only
- 2 for undue hardship, upon themselves or upon the public, as defined
- 3 by the Judicial Council.

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