

Introduced by Senator Hall

February 25, 2015

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 428, as introduced, Hall. Juries: peace officer exemption.

Existing law exempts 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 State Hospitals, and the Board of Parole Hearings, from voir dire in 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:

3 219. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), the jury
4 commissioner shall randomly select jurors for jury panels to be
5 sent to courtrooms for voir dire.

6 (b) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), ~~no~~ a peace officer, as
7 defined in Section 830.1, subdivision (a) of Section 830.2, ~~and or~~

1 subdivision (a) of Section ~~830.33~~, 830.33 of the Penal Code, shall
2 *not* be selected for voir dire in *any* civil or criminal ~~matters~~: *matter*.
3 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), ~~no~~ a peace officer, as
4 defined in ~~subdivisions~~ *subdivision* (b) ~~and~~ *or* (c) of Section 830.2,
5 *subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 830.5, or Section 830.55* of the
6 Penal Code, shall *not* be selected for voir dire in *any* criminal
7 ~~matters~~: *matter*.