

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2418

BY: BASTIN of the HOUSE

and

BROWN of the SENATE

AN ACT RELATING TO JURORS; AMENDING 38 O.S. 1991,
SECTION 28, WHICH RELATES TO THE QUALIFICATIONS AND
EXEMPTIONS OF JURORS; AUTHORIZING THE COURT TO
EXCUSE A PROSPECTIVE JUROR FOR FINANCIAL HARDSHIP;
AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 38 O.S. 1991, Section 28, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 28. A. All citizens of the United States, residing in
this state, having the qualifications of electors of this state, who
are of sound mind and discretion and of good moral character are
competent jurors to serve on all grand and petit juries within their
counties; provided, that persons over seventy (70) years of age
shall not be compelled to serve as jurors in this state ~~and the~~.
The court may excuse or discharge any juror drawn and summoned as a
grand or petit juror if jury service would result in substantial
hardship, financial or otherwise, to the prospective juror.

B. Persons who are not qualified to serve as jurors are:

1. Justices of the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals;

2. Judges of the Court of Criminal Appeals or the district court;

3. Sheriffs or deputy sheriffs;

4. Jailers or law enforcement officers, state or federal, having custody of prisoners;

5. Licensed attorneys engaged in the practice of law;

6. Persons who have been convicted of any felony or served a term of imprisonment in any penitentiary, state or federal, for the commission of a felony; provided, any such citizen convicted, who has been fully restored to his civil rights, shall be eligible to serve as a juror; and

7. Legislators during session of the Legislature or involved in state business.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 1992.

Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of February, 1992.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1992.

President of the Senate