

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2525

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to jurors; amending 38 O.S. 1991, Section 28, which relates to qualifications and exemptions of jurors; adding exemption; prohibiting certain questions from being asked of the jurors; providing for codification; 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, persons shall not be compelled to serve as jurors in this state more than one time during any three-year period and 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 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. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 36 of Title 38, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Persons serving as jurors during a trial shall not be asked or required to give their complete residence address or telephone number in the presence of the defendant.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective September 1, 1994.

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