

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2285

By: Bastin, Pope (Tim),
Weaver, Rhodes, Stites
and Smith (Dale) of the
House

and

Henry of the Senate

An Act relating to jurors; amending 38 O.S. 1991,
Section 28, as amended by Section 21, Chapter 343,
O.S.L. 1994 (38 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 28), which
relates to qualifications and exemptions for jury
duty; modifying exemptions for jury duty; 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, as
amended by Section 21, Chapter 343, O.S.L. 1994 (38 O.S. Supp. 1995,
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 ~~and,~~
persons who have served as a grand or petit juror during the last
three (3) immediately preceding calendar years, persons who have
legal custody of a child or children under the age of ten (10) years
who would have to leave the child or children without adequate

supervision, and a full-time college student as determined by the
respective college or university shall not be compelled to serve as
jurors in this state 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. This act shall become effective November 1, 1996.

Passed the House of Representatives the 14th day of February,
1996.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1996.

President of the Senate

