STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 48th Legislature (2002)

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FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2045 By: Wilt

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An Act relating to juries; amending 38 O.S. 2001, Section 28, which relates to qualifications and exemptions for jury duty; adding exemption; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 38 O.S. 2001, 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 two (2) immediately preceding calendar years, and persons who are students enrolled in at least sixteen (16) hours for the current semester in an accredited institution of higher education 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 Civil 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 who have 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 or her 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, 2002.

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