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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

## AN ACT

To repeal sections 494.425 and 494.430, RSMo 1994, relating to jury service, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the same subject.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 494.425 and 494.430, RSMo 1994, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 494.425 and 494.430, to read as follows:

494.425. The following persons shall be disqualified from serving as a petit or grand juror:

- (1) Any person who is less than [twenty-one] **eighteen** years of age;
- (2) Any person not a citizen of the United States;
- (3) Any person not a resident of the county or city not within a county served by the court issuing the summons;
- (4) Any person who has been convicted of a felony, unless such person has been restored to [his] **such person's** civil rights;
- (5) Any person unable to read, speak and understand the English language;
- (6) Any person on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or any member of the organized militia on active duty under order of the governor;
- (7) Any licensed attorney at law;
- (8) Any judge of a court of record;
- (9) Any person who, in the judgment of the court or the board of jury commissioners, is incapable of performing the duties of a juror because of mental or physical illness or infirmity.

494.430. Upon timely application to the court, the following persons shall be excused from

**EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

service as a petit or grand juror:

- (1) Any person actually performing the duties of a clergyman;
- (2) Any person who has served on a state or federal petit or grand jury within the preceding year;
- (3) Any person whose absence from [his] **such person's** regular place of employment would, in the judgment of the court, tend materially and adversely to affect the public safety, health, welfare or interest;
- (4) Any person upon whom service as a juror would in the judgment of the court impose an extreme hardship;
- (5) Any person licensed to engage in and actively engaged in the practice of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, dentistry or pharmacy[.];
- (6) Any person who is enrolled as a full-time student and is not residing within twenty miles of the city or county where the jury summons is issued.**

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