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92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

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

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

Section A. Sections 494.425 and 494.430, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections
2 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
2 juror:

3 (1) Any person who is less than [twenty-one] **eighteen** years of age;

4 (2) Any person not a citizen of the United States;

5 (3) Any person not a resident of the county or city not within a county served by the
6 court issuing the summons;

7 (4) Any person who has been convicted of a felony, unless such person has been restored
8 to [his] **such person's** civil rights;

9 (5) Any person unable to read, speak and understand the English language;

10 (6) Any person on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or any member
11 of the organized militia on active duty under order of the governor;

12 (7) Any licensed attorney at law;

13 (8) Any judge of a court of record;

14 (9) Any person who, in the judgment of the court or the board of jury commissioners,

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law. Matter in boldface type in the above law is new proposed language.

15 is incapable of performing the duties of a juror because of mental or physical illness or infirmity.

16 494.430. Upon timely application to the court, the following persons shall be excused
17 from service as a petit or grand juror:

18 (1) Any person actually performing the duties of a clergyman;

19 (2) Any person who has served on a state or federal petit or grand jury within the
20 preceding year;

21 (3) Any person whose absence from [his] **such person's** regular place of employment
22 would, in the judgment of the court, tend materially and adversely to affect the public safety,
23 health, welfare or interest;

24 (4) Any person upon whom service as a juror would in the judgment of the court impose
25 an extreme hardship;

26 (5) Any person licensed to engage in and actively engaged in the practice of medicine,
27 osteopathy, chiropractic, dentistry, or pharmacy.