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HOUSE BILL NO. 547

92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES MERIDETH, WALKER,
CARNAHAN AND BRINGER (Co-sponsors).

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STEPHEN S. DAVIS, Chief Clerk

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AN ACT

To repeal section 494.425, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to disqualification from jury service.

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

Section A. Section 494.425, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 494.425, to read as follows: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 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 civil rights;

(5) Any person unable to read, speak and understand the English language, **unless such person's inability is due to a vision or hearing impairment which can be adequately compensated for through the use of auxiliary aids or services;**

(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.