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HOUSE BILL DRH10147-ND-115

Short Title: Require That Jurors Be US Citizens. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Cleveland.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT JURORS IN NORTH CAROLINA BE CITIZENS OF THE
3 UNITED STATES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 9-3 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 9-3. Qualifications of prospective jurors.

7 (a) ~~All persons are~~ A person is qualified to serve as ~~jurors~~ a juror and is to be included
8 on the master jury list ~~who are citizens of the State and residents~~ if the person meets all of the
9 following:

10 (1) Is a citizen of the United States.

11 (2) Is a citizen of the State.

12 (3) Is a resident of the ~~county,~~ county.

13 (4) ~~who have~~ Has not served as ~~jurors~~ a juror during the preceding two years
14 years.

15 (5) ~~or who have~~ Has not served a full term of service as a ~~grand jurors~~ juror during
16 the preceding six ~~years,~~ years.

17 (6) ~~who are~~ Is 18 years of age or ~~over,~~ over.

18 (7) ~~who are~~ Is physically and mentally ~~competent,~~ competent.

19 (8) ~~who can~~ Can understand the English ~~language,~~ language.

20 (9) ~~who have~~ Has not been convicted of a felony or pleaded guilty or nolo
21 contendere to an indictment charging a ~~felony~~ (or ~~felony,~~ or if convicted of a
22 felony or having ~~pleaded~~ plead guilty or nolo contendere to an indictment
23 charging a ~~felony~~ have ~~felony,~~ has had ~~their~~ that person's citizenship restored
24 pursuant to ~~law),~~ law.

25 (10) ~~and who have~~ Has not been adjudged non compos mentis.

26 (b) ~~Persons~~ A person not qualified under this section ~~are~~ is subject to challenge for cause."

27 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to jurors
28 empaneled on or after that date.



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