

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to exempt certain persons from jury duty because of religious beliefs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That § 16-13-10 be amended to read as follows:

16-13-10. Any citizen of this state, who is a resident of the county or jury district where the jury is selected, eighteen years of age or older prior to January first of the year of jury service, of sound mind and who is able to read, write, and understand the English language, is eligible to serve as a juror. Any member of the clergy, as defined in § 19-13-16, if jury service conflicts with religious belief, is exempt from jury duty. Any member of a church or religious organization is exempt from jury duty if jury service conflicts with the religious belief of that church or religious organization. Any person who has been convicted of a felony unless restored to civil rights is not eligible to serve as a juror. No potential juror may be excluded from jury duty because of a visual or hearing impairment.

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I certify that the attached Act
originated in the

HOUSE as Bill No. 1204

Chief Clerk
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Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

House Bill No. 1204

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Received at this Executive Office
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20____ at _____ M.

By _____
for the Governor
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The attached Act is hereby
approved this _____ day of
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Governor
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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,

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Office of the Secretary of State

Filed _____, 20____
at _____ o'clock __ M.

Secretary of State

By _____
Asst. Secretary of State