



## 2025 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1082

Introduced by: **Representative Garcia**

1 **An Act to revise juror qualifications.**

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

3 **Section 1. That § 16-13-10 be AMENDED:**

4 **16-13-10.** Any ~~A~~ citizen of this state, ~~who is a~~ is eligible to serve as a juror if the  
5 citizen is:

6 (1) A resident of the county or jury district where the jury is selected, ~~eighteen;~~

7 (2) Eighteen years of age or older and under seventy years of age prior to January first  
8 of the year of jury service, ~~of;~~

9 (3) Of sound mind; ~~and who is able~~

10 (4) Able to read, write, and understand the English language, ~~is eligible to serve as a~~  
11 ~~juror.~~

12 Any member of the clergy, as defined in § 19-19-505, if jury service conflicts with  
13 religious belief, is exempt from jury duty. Any member of a church or religious  
14 organization is exempt from jury duty if jury service conflicts with the religious belief of  
15 that church or religious organization. Any person who has been convicted of a felony,   
16 unless restored to civil rights,  is not eligible to serve as a juror. No potential juror may be  
17 excluded from jury duty because of a visual or hearing impairment.