

## 2025 South Dakota Legislature

**House Bill 1082****AMENDMENT 1082A  
FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

1 **An Act to ~~revise juror qualifications~~ permit a person seventy-five years of age or**  
2 **older to request to be excused from jury duty.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 **Section 1. That § 16-13-10.3 be AMENDED:**

20 ~~16-13-10.3. Any person eighty seventy-five years of age or older may request to~~  
21 ~~be excused from jury duty. The judge shall give substantial weight to the person's request~~  
22 ~~to be relieved from jury duty, balancing the request with the need to impanel a jury.~~