
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that a person not under indictment, incarcerated under an order of indictment, or on probation or parole for a felony offense after a conviction rendered by a verdict from a non-unanimous jury shall be eligible to qualify to serve as a juror.

Present law provides for the following qualifications that a person shall meet in order to serve as a juror in civil and criminal cases:

- (1) Be a citizen of the U.S. and of this state who has resided within the parish in which he is to serve as a juror for at least one year immediately preceding his jury service.
- (2) Be at least 18 years of age.
- (3) Be able to read, write, and speak the English language and be possessed of sufficient knowledge of the English language.
- (4) Not be under interdiction or incapable of serving as a juror because of a mental or physical infirmity, provided that no person shall be deemed incompetent solely because of the loss of hearing in any degree.
- (5) Not be under indictment, incarcerated under an order of imprisonment, or on probation or parole for a felony offense within the five-year period immediately preceding the person's jury service.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that a person not under indictment, incarcerated under an order of indictment, or on probation or parole for a felony offense after a conviction rendered by a verdict from a non-unanimous jury shall be eligible to qualify to serve as a juror.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 401(A)(5))