

# HOUSE BILL No. 5912

May 18, 2004, Introduced by Reps. Ehardt, Mortimer, Hummel, Garfield, Sheen, Middaugh, Gleason, Vander Veen and Voorhees and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled  
"Revised judicature act of 1961,"  
by amending section 1307a (MCL 600.1307a), as amended by 2004 PA  
12.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 1307a. (1) To qualify as a juror, a person shall **meet**  
2 **all of the following conditions:**

3       (a) Be a citizen of the United States, 18 years of age or  
4 older, and a resident in the county for which the person is  
5 selected, and in the case of a district court in districts of the  
6 second and third class, be a resident of the district.

7       (b) Be able to communicate in the English language.

8       (c) Be physically and mentally able to carry out the  
9 functions of a juror. Temporary inability shall not be  
10 considered a disqualification.

1 (d) Not have served as a petit or grand juror in a court of  
2 record during the preceding 12 months.

3 (e) Not have been convicted of a felony.

4 (2) A person **who is** more than 70 years of age **or who is a**  
5 **veteran** may claim exemption from jury service and shall be exempt  
6 upon making the request.

7 (3) For the purposes of this section and sections 1371 to  
8 1376, a person has served as a juror if that person has been paid  
9 for jury service.

10 (4) ~~For purposes of~~ **As used in** this section: ~~—, "felony"~~

11 (a) **"Felony"** means a violation of a penal law of this state,  
12 another state, or the United States for which the offender, upon  
13 conviction, may be punished by death or by imprisonment for more  
14 than 1 year or an offense expressly designated by law to be a  
15 felony.

16 (b) **"Veteran"** means a person who served in the active  
17 military forces during a period of war or who received the armed  
18 forces expeditionary or other campaign service medal during an  
19 emergency condition and who was discharged or released under  
20 honorable conditions.