

# HOUSE BILL No. 5975

December 2, 2014, Introduced by Reps. Faris, Walsh, Durhal, Talabi, Stallworth, Hobbs, Smiley, Phelps, Cavanagh, Yanez, Switalski, Rutledge, Tlaib, Lane, Haugh, Darany, Irwin, Singh, Kandrevas, LaVoy, Geiss, Segal, Stanley, Robinson, Schor, Kosowski and Nathan 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 2012 PA  
69.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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

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 functions  
9 of a juror. Temporary inability shall not be considered a

1 disqualification.

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

4 (e) Not have been convicted of a felony **OR, IF HE OR SHE HAS**  
5 **BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY, HAVE COMPLETED HIS OR HER TERM OF**  
6 **IMPRISONMENT, INCLUDING ANY TERM OF PAROLE, NOT LESS THAN 5 YEARS**  
7 **PRECEDING THE DATE HE OR SHE IS SUMMONED TO SERVE AS A JUROR.**

8 (2) A person more than 70 years of age may claim exemption  
9 from jury service and shall be exempt upon making the request.

10 (3) A nursing mother may claim exemption from jury service for  
11 the period during which she is nursing her child and shall be  
12 exempt upon making the request if she provides a letter from a  
13 physician, a lactation consultant, or a certified nurse midwife  
14 verifying that she is a nursing mother.

15 (4) For the purposes of this section and sections 1371 to  
16 1376, a person has served as a juror if that person has been paid  
17 for jury service.

18 (5) For purposes of this section:

19 (a) "Certified nurse midwife" means an individual licensed as  
20 a registered professional nurse under article 15 of the public  
21 health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838, who has been  
22 issued a specialty certification in the practice of nurse midwifery  
23 by the board of nursing under section 17210 of the public health  
24 code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.17210.

25 (b) "Felony" means a violation of a penal law of this state,  
26 another state, or the United States for which the offender, upon  
27 conviction, may be punished by death or by imprisonment for more

1 than 1 year or an offense expressly designated by law to be a  
2 felony.

3 (c) "Lactation consultant" means a lactation consultant  
4 certified by the international board of lactation consultant  
5 examiners.

6 (d) "Physician" means an individual licensed by the state to  
7 engage in the practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine and  
8 surgery under article 15 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368,  
9 MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838.