

ACT 168

H.B. NO. 2603

A Bill for an Act Relating to Jurors.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 612-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“~~[[§612-4]]~~ **Grounds of qualification and disqualification.** (a) A prospective juror is ~~[disqualified]~~ qualified to serve as a juror if the prospective juror:

- (1) Is ~~[not]~~ a citizen of the United States and of the State, eighteen years old, and a resident of the circuit; and
- (2) Is ~~[unable]~~ able to read, speak, and understand the English language[;].

(b) A prospective juror is disqualified to serve as a juror if the prospective juror:

- [(3)] (1) Is incapable, by reason of the prospective juror’s physical or mental disability, of rendering satisfactory jury service; but a person claiming this disqualification may be required to submit a physician’s certificate as to the disability, and the certifying physician is subject to inquiry by the court at its discretion; [or]
- [(4)] (2) Has been convicted of a felony in a state or federal court and not pardoned[.]; or
- (3) Fails to meet the qualifications in subsection (a).”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 17, 1996.)