

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 365

Short Title: Require That Jurors Be US Citizens. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Cleveland, Crutchfield, Carson Smith, and Sossamon (Primary Sponsors).

For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Judiciary 1, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 15, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT JURORS IN NORTH CAROLINA BE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 9-3 reads as rewritten:

"§ 9-3. **Qualifications of prospective jurors.**

(a) ~~All persons are~~ A person is qualified to serve as ~~jurors~~ a juror and is to be included on the master jury list ~~who are citizens of the State and residents~~ if the person meets all of the following:

(1) Is a citizen of the United States.

(2) Is a citizen of the State.

(3) Is a resident of the ~~county,~~ county.

(4) ~~who have~~ Has not served as ~~jurors~~ a juror during the preceding two years years.

(5) ~~or who have~~ Has not served a full term of service as a ~~grand jurors~~ juror during the preceding six ~~years,~~ years.

(6) ~~who are~~ Is 18 years of age or ~~over,~~ over.

(7) ~~who are~~ Is physically and mentally ~~competent,~~ competent.

(8) ~~who can~~ Can understand the English ~~language,~~ language.

(9) ~~who have~~ Has not been convicted of a felony or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to an indictment charging a ~~felony (or felony,~~ or if convicted of a felony or having ~~pleaded~~ plead guilty or nolo contendere to an indictment charging a ~~felony~~ have felony, has had ~~their~~ that person's citizenship restored pursuant to ~~law),~~ law.

(10) ~~and who have~~ Has not been adjudged non compos mentis.

(b) ~~Persons~~ A person not qualified under this section ~~are~~ is subject to challenge for cause."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to jurors

empaneled on or after that date.

