
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1655 Session of
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KINSEY, LEE, N. NELSON, HILL-EVANS, ISAACSON, KINKEAD AND
RABB, JUNE 16, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 16, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in juries and jurors,
3 further providing for qualifications of jurors.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 4502 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 4502. Qualifications of jurors.

9 [(a) General rule.--]Every citizen of this Commonwealth who
10 is of the required minimum age for voting for State or local
11 officials and who resides in the county shall be qualified to
12 serve as a juror therein unless such citizen:

13 (1) is unable to read, write, speak and understand the
14 English language;

15 (2) is incapable, by reason of mental or physical
16 infirmity, to render efficient jury service; or

17 (3) has been convicted of a [crime punishable by
18 imprisonment for more than one year] felony and has not been

1 granted a pardon or amnesty therefor.

2 [(b) Definition.--For purposes of this section, "convicted
3 of a crime punishable by imprisonment for more than one year"
4 does not include a conviction for any offense under or violation
5 of the former act of May 1, 1929 (P.L.905, No.403), known as The
6 Vehicle Code, or the former act of April 29, 1959 (P.L.58,
7 No.32), known as The Vehicle Code, which offense or violation,
8 if it had been committed after July 1, 1977:

9 (1) would have been substantially similar to an offense
10 currently graded as a summary offense under 75 Pa.C.S.
11 (relating to vehicles); or

12 (2) would not have been a violation of law.]

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.