

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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1992

INTRODUCED BY CALTAGIRONE, BOYES, KRUSZEWSKI, SCRIMENTI,  
PETRARCA, KOSINSKI AND PESCI, FEBRUARY 3, 1992

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 3, 1992

AN ACT

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

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 is  
10 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, except that a  
17 person is not disqualified from serving as a juror solely  
18 because of the loss of hearing or sight in any degree or a

1     disability that impairs or impedes the person's mobility; or

2             (3) has been convicted of a crime punishable by  
3     imprisonment for more than one year and has not been granted  
4     a pardon or amnesty therefor.

5     (b) Juror assistant.--If a person who is selected to serve  
6     as a juror requires the services of a sign language interpreter,  
7     reader or speech interpreter to facilitate communications, the  
8     assistant may accompany the disabled juror into the jury room  
9     but may not participate in the jury's deliberations except to  
10    facilitate communications between that juror and the other  
11    jurors. The court shall place the assistant under oath not to  
12    reveal court proceedings to the same extent that jurors are  
13    prohibited from making disclosures. The court shall provide and  
14    pay the reasonable costs of the services required to assist the  
15    juror.

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