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HOUSE BILL NO. 815

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES EL-AMIN (Sponsor), OXFORD, CURLS, HOSKINS, BROWN (50), LOW (39), CHAPPELLE-NADAL, BLAND, RUCKER, SANDERS BROOKS, DAUS, SELBY, HUBBARD, WRIGHT-JONES, BOWMAN, DOUGHERTY, WALTON, BAKER (25), ROORDA AND HUGHES (Co-sponsors).

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AN ACT

To repeal section 494.425, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to jury service.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 494.425, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 494.425, to read as follows:

494.425. The following persons shall be disqualified from serving as a petit or grand juror:

(1) Any person who is less than [twenty-one] **eighteen** years of age;

(2) Any person not a citizen of the United States;

(3) Any person not a resident of the county or city not within a county served by the court issuing the summons;

(4) Any person who has been convicted of a felony, unless such person has been restored to his civil rights;

(5) Any person unable to read, speak and understand the English language, unless such person's inability is due to a vision or hearing impairment which can be adequately compensated for through the use of auxiliary aids or services;

(6) Any person on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or any member of the organized militia on active duty under order of the governor;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

14 (7) Any judge of a court of record;

15 (8) Any person who, in the judgment of the court, is incapable of performing the duties
16 of a juror because of mental or physical illness or infirmity. The juror or the juror's personal
17 representative, may provide the court with documentation from a physician licensed to practice
18 medicine verifying that a mental or physical condition renders the person unfit for jury service
19 for a period of up to twenty-four months.