

HOUSE BILL No. 4869

September 16, 2015, Introduced by Reps. Schor, Kelly, Zemke and Callton and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled
"Revised judicature act of 1961,"
by amending section 1307a (MCL 600.1307a), as amended by 2012 PA
69.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1307a. (1) To qualify as a juror, a person shall meet all
2 of the following criteria:

3 (a) Be a citizen of the United States, 18 years of age or
4 older, and a resident in the county for which the person is
5 selected, and in the case of a district court in districts of the
6 second and third class, be a resident of the district.

7 (b) Be able to communicate in the English language.

8 (c) Be physically and mentally able to carry out the functions

1 of a juror. Temporary inability shall not be considered a
2 disqualification.

3 (d) Not have served as a petit or grand juror in a court of
4 record during the preceding 12 months.

5 (e) Not have been convicted of a felony.

6 (2) A person more than 70 years of age may claim exemption
7 from jury service and shall be exempt upon making the request.

8 (3) A nursing mother may claim exemption from jury service for
9 the period during which she is nursing her child and shall be
10 exempt upon making the request if she provides a letter from a
11 physician, a lactation consultant, or a certified nurse midwife
12 verifying that she is a nursing mother.

13 **(4) A PHYSICIAN MAY CLAIM EXEMPTION FROM JURY SERVICE FOR THE**
14 **PERIOD DURING WHICH HE OR SHE HAS 1 OR MORE PATIENTS WITH**
15 **IMMEDIATE, IMMINENT, AND LIFE-THREATENING HEALTH ISSUES.**

16 (5) ~~(4)~~—For the purposes of this section and sections 1371 to
17 1376, a person has served as a juror if that person has been paid
18 for jury service.

19 (6) ~~(5)~~—For purposes of this section:

20 (a) "Certified nurse midwife" means an individual licensed as
21 a registered professional nurse under article 15 of the public
22 health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838, who has been
23 issued a specialty certification in the practice of nurse midwifery
24 by the board of nursing under section 17210 of the public health
25 code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.17210.

26 (b) "Felony" means a violation of a penal law of this state,
27 another state, or the United States for which the offender, upon

1 conviction, may be punished by death or by imprisonment for more
2 than 1 year or an offense expressly designated by law to be a
3 felony.

4 (c) "Lactation consultant" means a lactation consultant
5 certified by the international board of lactation consultant
6 examiners.

7 (d) "Physician" means an individual licensed by the state to
8 engage in the practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine and
9 surgery under article 15 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368,
10 MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838.

11 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
12 after the date it is enacted into law.