

REVISED JUDICATURE ACT OF 1961 (EXCERPT)
Act 236 of 1961

***** 600.1307a.amended THIS AMENDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE JUNE 27, 2021 *****

600.1307a.amended Qualifications of juror; exemptions; effect of payment for jury service; definitions.

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

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

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

(c) Be physically and mentally able to carry out the functions of a juror. Temporary inability must not be considered a disqualification.

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

(e) Not have been convicted of a felony.

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

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

(4) An individual who is a participant in the address confidentiality program created under the address confidentiality program act may claim exemption from jury service for the period during which he or she is a program participant. To obtain an exemption under this subsection, the individual shall provide his or her participation card issued by the department of attorney general upon his or her certification as a program participant to the court providing evidence that he or she is a current participant in the address confidentiality program.

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

(6) For purposes of this section:

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

(b) "Felony" means a violation of a penal law of this state, another state, or the United States for which the offender, upon conviction, may be punished by death or by imprisonment for more than 1 year or an offense expressly designated by law to be a felony.

(c) "Lactation consultant" means a lactation consultant certified by the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners.

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

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