

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 365
Committee Substitute Favorable 3/29/23

Short Title: Require That Jurors Be US Citizens.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 15, 2023

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT JURORS IN NORTH CAROLINA BE CITIZENS OF THE
3 UNITED STATES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 9-3 reads as rewritten:

6 "**§ 9-3. Qualifications of prospective jurors.**

7 (a) ~~All persons are~~ A person is qualified to serve as ~~jurors a juror~~ and is to be included
8 on the master jury list ~~who are citizens of the State and residents if the person meets all of the~~
9 following:

10 (1) Is a citizen of the United States.

11 (2) Is a citizen of the State.

12 (3) Is a resident of the ~~county,~~ county.

13 (4) ~~who have~~ Has not served as ~~jurors a juror~~ during the preceding two years
14 years.

15 (5) ~~or who have~~ Has not served a full term of service as a ~~grand jurors juror~~ during
16 the preceding six ~~years,~~ years.

17 (6) ~~who are~~ Is 18 years of age or ~~over,~~ over.

18 (7) ~~who are~~ Is physically and mentally ~~competent,~~ competent.

19 (8) ~~who can~~ Can understand the English ~~language,~~ language.

20 (9) ~~who have~~ Has not been convicted of a felony or pleaded guilty or nolo
21 contendere to an indictment charging a ~~felony (or felony,~~ or if convicted of a
22 felony or having ~~pleaded~~ plead guilty or nolo contendere to an indictment
23 charging a ~~felony have~~ felony, has had ~~their~~ that person's citizenship restored
24 pursuant to ~~law),~~ law.

25 (10) ~~and who have~~ Has not been adjudged non compos mentis.

26 (b) ~~Persons~~ A person not qualified under this section ~~are~~ is subject to challenge for cause."

27 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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