

AN ACT concerning civil law.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Jury Act is amended by changing Section 2 as follows:

(705 ILCS 305/2) (from Ch. 78, par. 2)

Sec. 2. Jury qualifications.

(a) At the September meeting of the county board in each year in the respective counties in this State, except those that have jury commissioners, the board shall select from the list the number of persons as the judges of the circuit courts, to be held in the county during the succeeding year, may by joint action determine to serve as petit jurors. In counties having jury commissioners, the persons to serve as petit jurors shall be selected by the jury commissioners, as provided by law. County boards, a jury administrator, and jury commissioners may utilize the services of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts in making these selections. Jurors in all counties in Illinois must have the legal qualifications herein prescribed. Jurors must be:

- (1) Inhabitants of the county.
- (2) Of the age of 18 years or upwards.
- (3) Free from all legal exception, of fair character,

of approved integrity, of sound judgment, well informed, and able to understand the English language, whether in spoken or written form or interpreted into sign language.

(4) Citizens of the United States of America.

(b) Except as otherwise specifically provided by statute, no person who is qualified and able to serve as a juror may be excluded from jury service in any court of this State on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or economic status. As used in this subsection, "religion", "sex", and "national origin" have the meanings provided in Section 1-103 of the Illinois Human Rights Act.

(Source: P.A. 90-482, eff. 1-1-98.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2018.