STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

February 13, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. GIBBS, ROMERO, REYES, BURROUGHS, OTIS, DAIS, SHRESTHA, TORRES, GALLAGHER, TAYLOR, JACKSON, CRUZ, EPSTEIN, KELLES, SEAWRIGHT, WALKER, HEVESI, CUNNINGHAM, SIMONE, DAVILA, SIMON, SHIMSKY, ZACCARO, ANDERSON, HOOKS, LUCAS, WEPRIN, SOLAGES, BORES, MEEKS, HYNDMAN, ZINERMAN, LUNSFORD, GLICK, GONZALEZ-ROJAS, ROSENTHAL, BURDICK, SEPTIMO, WRIGHT, LASHER, CHANDLER-WATERMAN, TAPIA, RAGA, O'PHARROW, MITAYNES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the judiciary law, in relation to removing the lifetime ban on jury duty for convicted felons

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 510 of the judiciary law, as amended by chapter 86 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read as follows:

§ 510. Qualifications. [~~In order to~~] **To** qualify as a juror**,** a person must:

1. Be a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the county.

2. Be not less than eighteen years of age.

3. [~~Not have been convicted of a felony.~~

~~4.~~] Be able to understand and communicate in the English language.

§ 2. Section 517 of the judiciary law is amended by adding a new subdivision (d) to read as follows:

(d) The jury service of any person serving a term of incarceration for a felony conviction shall be excused while the person is incarcerated for such felony.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ***italics*** (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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