

Chapter 568

H.B. No. 2747

AN ACT

relating to qualifications to serve as a petit juror.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 62.102, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 62.102. GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR JURY SERVICE. A person is disqualified to serve as a petit juror unless the person:

(1) is at least 18 years of age;

(2) is a citizen of the United States;

(3) is a resident [~~citizen~~] of this state and of the county in which the person is to serve as a juror;

(4) [~~(3)~~] is qualified under the constitution and laws to vote in the county in which the person is to serve as a juror;

(5) [~~(4)~~] is of sound mind and good moral character;

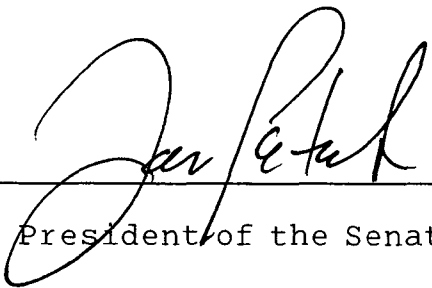
(6) [~~(5)~~] is able to read and write;

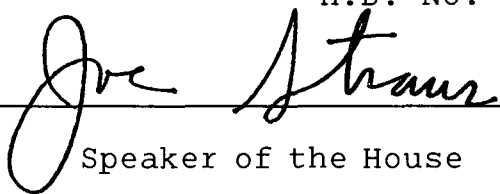
(7) [~~(6)~~] has not served as a petit juror for six days during the preceding three months in the county court or during the preceding six months in the district court;

(8) [~~(7)~~] has not been convicted of misdemeanor theft or a felony; and

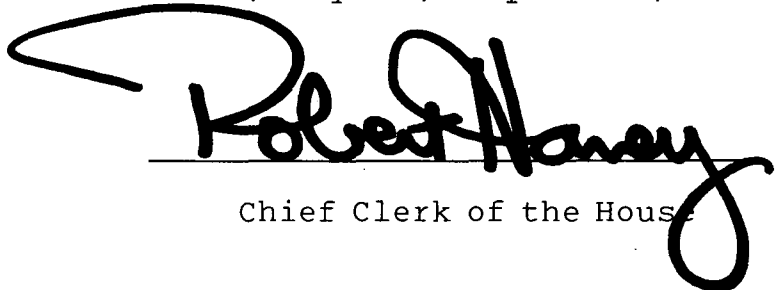
(9) [~~(8)~~] is not under indictment or other legal accusation for misdemeanor theft or a felony.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

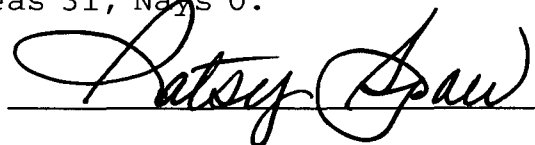
  
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President of the Senate

H.B. No. 2747  
  
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2747 was passed by the House on May 5, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

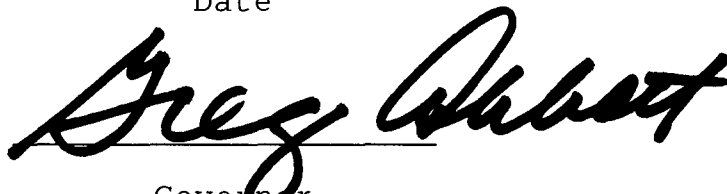
  
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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2747 was passed by the Senate on May 23, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

  
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Secretary of the Senate

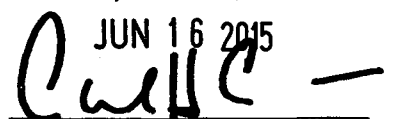
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**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 8, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2747** by Landgraf (Relating to qualifications to serve as a petit juror.), **As Engrossed**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Government Code to require United States citizenship, and state and county residency as qualifications for jury service. Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

**LBB Staff:** UP, AG, FR, GDz

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**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 24, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable John T. Smithee, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB2747** by Landgraf (Relating to qualifications to serve as a petit juror.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**  
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**April 10, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable John T. Smithee, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2747** by Landgraf (Relating to juror service qualifications.), **As Introduced**

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**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

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**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Government Code to require United States citizenship, and state and county residency as qualifications for jury service. Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration and the Office of Attorney General, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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