

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee on **Judiciary** recommends **SB 367** be amended on page 1, following line 6, by inserting:

"Section 1. K.S.A. 43-156 is hereby amended to read as follows: 43-156. (a) No person shall be excluded from service as a grand or petit juror in the district courts of Kansas on account of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or economic status.

(b) Every juror, grand and petit, shall be a citizen of the state, resident of the county and possess the qualifications of an elector as now, or in the future established.

(c) At the time a prospective juror is selected to be a part of a jury panel, the court shall ask such prospective juror questions necessary to verify that such prospective juror meets each requirement of subsection (b).

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 43-158 is hereby amended to read as follows: 43-158. (a)
The following persons shall be excused from jury service:

~~(a)~~ (1) Persons unable to understand the English language with a degree of proficiency sufficient to respond to a jury questionnaire form prepared by the commissioner;

~~(b)~~ (2) persons under adjudication of incompetency;

~~(c)~~ (3) persons who within 10 years immediately preceding have been convicted of or pleaded guilty, or *nolo contendere*, to an indictment or information charging a felony; and

~~(d)~~ (4) persons who have served as jurors in the county within one year immediately preceding; and

~~(e)~~ (b) A mother breastfeeding her child shall be excused from jury service if such

mother requests to be excused. Jury service shall be postponed until such mother is no longer breastfeeding the child.

(c) A pregnant woman shall be excused from jury service if such woman requests to be excused.";

Also on page 1, in line 36 following the period, by inserting "On and after July 1, 2012, commissioners that receive information from a prospective juror or court of this state that disqualifies or potentially disqualifies such prospective juror from jury service pursuant to K.S.A. 43-156(b), and amendments thereto, shall submit such information to the secretary of state in a form and manner approved by the secretary of state. Any such information provided by a commissioner to the secretary of state shall be used for the purpose of maintaining voter registrations as required by law and any other lawful purpose.";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 5, in line 22, after "K.S.A." by inserting "43-156 and"; also in line 22, after "Supp." by inserting "43-158,";

On page 1, in the title, in line 2, by striking "access to tax records" and inserting "jury service"; also in line 2, after "K.S.A." by inserting "43-156 and"; in line 3, before "79-3234" by inserting "43-158 and"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Chairperson