

10 AN ACT concerning

20 **Jury Selection Process**

30 FOR the purpose of allowing ex-offenders the right to serve on a jury; allowing persons
40 with physical infirmities the right to serve on juries.

50 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
60 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
70 Section 8-207
80 (2002 Replacement Volume)

90 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE, That the
100 laws of Maryland read as follows:

110 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

120 § 8-207.

130 (a) *Determination.*—A person may not be disqualified or excused from jury service except
140 on the basis of information provided by the juror qualification form as it may be supplemented by
150 an interview or other competent evidence. The determination of a prospective juror’s
160 qualifications shall be made by the jury judge on his own initiative, or on the recommendation of
170 the clerk or jury commissioner. The clerk shall enter the determination in the space provided on
180 the juror qualification form and on the alphabetical list of names drawn from the master jury
190 wheel. If a person did not appear in response to a summons, that fact shall be noted on the list.

200 (b) *Grounds for disqualifications.*—A person is qualified to serve as a juror unless
210 he:

220 ~~(1) — Is not constitutionally qualified to vote in the county where the court convenes;~~

230 ~~(2)~~ (1) Is unable to read, write, or understand the English language with a
240 degree of proficiency to fill out satisfactorily the juror qualification form;

250 ~~(3)~~ (2) Is unable to speak the English language or comprehend spoken English;

260 ~~(4)~~ (3) Is incapable, by reason of ~~physical or~~ mental infirmity, of rendering
270 satisfactory jury service; any person claiming such a disqualification my be
280 required to submit a doctor’s certificate as to the nature of the infirmity;

290 ~~(5)~~ (4) Has a charge pending against him OR HER for a crime punishable by a
300 fine of more than \$500, or by imprisonment for more than six months, or both ~~or~~
310 ~~has been convicted of such a crime and has received a sentence of a fine of more~~
320 ~~than \$500, or of imprisonment for more than six months, or both, and has not~~
330 ~~been pardoned;~~

340 ~~(6)~~ (5) Has a charge pending against him OR HER for, ~~of~~ has been convicted
350 of an offense punishable under the provision of § 8-401 (c) of this title;

360 ~~(7)~~ (6) Is a party in a civil suit, except for those civil actions in which a party is
370 not entitled to a jury trial, pending in the court in which he is called to serve;

380 ~~(8)~~ (7) Is under 18 years of age; or

