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House of Representatives, March 21, 1991

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative STROUT of Corinth. Cosponsored by Representative GOULD of Greenville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Remove Certain Exemptions from Jury Service.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

14 MRSA §1211, as amended by PL 1985, c. 608, is further 4 amended to read:

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§1211. Disqualifications and exemptions from jury service

A prospective juror is disqualified to serve on a jury if he <u>the prospective juror</u> is not a citizen of the United States, 18
years old and a resident of the county, or is unable to read, speak and understand the English language. The following persons
are exempt from serving as jurors: The Governor, judges, physicians-and-dentists-providing-active-patient-care; sheriffs, attorneys-at-law and all persons exempt under Title 37-B, section 185.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill amends current law regarding jury service by removing the exemption allowed for physicians and dentists. Physicians and dentists should be subject to the same requirement of jury service as other citizens of the State.

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