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House of Representatives, January 14, 1999

An Act to Exempt Election Officials and Workers from Serving on Juries One Month Prior to an Election.

Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204. Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative THOMPSON of Naples.

Be i	it	enacted	by	the	Peo	ple	of	the	State	of	Ma	ine	as	follov	vs:

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §1211, as amended by PL 1985, c. 608, is further amended to read:

§1211. Disqualifications and exemptions from jury service

A prospective juror is disqualified to serve on a jury if he the prospective juror 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. Municipal and state election officials and employees are exempt from serving on any jury for a period of 31 days prior to an election.

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20 SUMMARY

This bill provides that for a 31-day period prior to an election, municipal and state election officials and employees are exempt from serving on juries.