

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 207

In Senate, January 21, 1999

**An Act to Allow Citizens 70 Years of Age or Older the Option of
Serving Jury Duty.**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative MAYO of Bath and
Senators: BENOIT of Franklin, TREAT of Kennebec.

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

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

6 **§1211. Disqualifications and exemptions from jury service**

8 A prospective juror is disqualified to serve on a jury if he
10 that person is not a citizen of the United States, 18 years old
and a resident of the county, or is unable to read, speak and
12 understand the English language. The following persons are
exempt from serving as jurors: The Governor, judges, physicians
14 and dentists providing active patient care; sheriffs,
attorneys-at-law and all persons exempt under Title 37-B, section
16 185. A person who is 70 years of age or older may decline to
serve as a juror.

18 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill gives a person 70 years of age or older the option
22 of declining jury duty.