HOUSE BILL 531

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO COURTS; PROHIBITING CONVICTED FELONS FROM SERVING ON JURIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 38-5-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1969, Chapter 222, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"38-5-1. QUALIFICATION OF JURORS.--A person who is at least eighteen years of age, a United States citizen, [and] a resident of New Mexico residing in the county for which a jury may be convened and who is not a convicted felon is eligible and may be summoned for service as a juror by the courts, unless the person is incapable of rendering jury service because of:

          A.   physical or mental illness or infirmity; or

          B.   undue or extreme physical or financial

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