

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

In relation to the qualifications for petit jury service, there is concern about the potential to summon a person for jury service when that person is no longer a resident of the summoning county and potential impacts on cases in the summoning county.

H.B. 2747 seeks to remedy this situation by having potential jurors correctly note their county of residence by eliminating the word citizen and instead using the term resident and then requiring the juror be a United States Citizen to ensure citizenship status.

H.B. 2747 amends current law relating to qualifications to serve as a petit juror.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 62.102, Government Code, to provide that a person is disqualified to serve as a petit juror unless the person is a citizen of the United States and is a resident, rather than citizen, of this state and of the county in which the person is to serve as a juror, and to make nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2015.