

# SENATE BILL 1101

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By: **Senator Gladden**

Introduced and read first time: February 22, 2016

Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Jurors – Qualification – Prior Conviction**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that an individual who has been convicted of  
4 a certain crime and received a certain sentence be disqualified from jury service;  
5 repealing a requirement that an individual who has certain pending criminal  
6 charges be disqualified from jury service; making conforming changes; and generally  
7 relating to jurors.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
10 Section 8–103  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

16 8–103.

17 (a) Notwithstanding § 8–102 of this subtitle, an individual qualifies for jury  
18 service for a county only if the individual:

19 (1) Is an adult as of the day selected as a prospective juror;

20 (2) Is a citizen of the United States; and

21 (3) Resides in the county as of the day sworn as a juror.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section and subject to the federal  
2 Americans with Disabilities Act, an individual is not qualified for jury service if the  
3 individual:

4 (1) Cannot comprehend spoken English or speak English;

5 (2) Cannot comprehend written English, read English, or write English  
6 proficiently enough to complete a juror qualification form satisfactorily; **OR**

7 (3) Has a disability that, as documented by a health care provider's  
8 certification, prevents the individual from providing satisfactory jury service];

9 (4) Has been convicted, in a federal or State court of record, of a crime  
10 punishable by imprisonment exceeding 6 months and received a sentence of imprisonment  
11 for more than 6 months; or

12 (5) Has a charge pending, in a federal or State court of record, for a crime  
13 punishable by imprisonment exceeding 6 months.

14 (c) An individual qualifies for jury service notwithstanding a disqualifying  
15 conviction under subsection (b)(4) of this section if the individual is pardoned].

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 October 1, 2016.