

1992 BILL 28

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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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JURY AMENDMENT ACT, 1992

MR. PAYNE

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to _____, 1992)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1 *The Jury Act is amended by this Act.*

2 *The following is added after section 5:*

Aiding jurors

5.1(1) Section 5(1)(e) does not apply to a person who suffers from a physical infirmity and wishes to serve as a juror who

- (a) if aided would be able to see and hear adequately and to attend court in adequate comfort, and
- (b) will receive the assistance of a person, a device or altered physical surroundings that the Court considers adequate to enable the person to discharge the duties of a juror.

(2) A person giving assistance under subsection (1)(b) may, as directed by the Court, attend with and assist the juror in all the proceedings, including the deliberations of the jury.

(3) A person giving assistance under subsection (1)(b) shall not comment on the proceedings and shall take part in the proceedings only by assisting the juror as the Court directs.

Explanatory Notes

- 1** This Bill will amend chapter J-2.1 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1982.
- 2** Aiding jurors.

3 Section 7(3) is repealed and the following is substituted:

(3) The sheriff shall, within a reasonable time before the day on which the person is to attend, provide a summons in the prescribed form to each person selected

(a) by sending it by ordinary mail, or

(b) by giving it directly to the person or by leaving a copy at the person's residence or place of business with someone who is at least 16 years of age.

3 Section 7(3) presently reads:

(3) The sheriff shall deliver a summons in the prescribed form to each person selected, either personally or by leaving it with an adult member of that person's household, within a reasonable time before the day on which the person is to attend.