

New Law on Juror Qualifications-Effective January 1, 2020

Beginning January 1, 2020, individuals with criminal records that meet certain criteria are eligible to serve as a juror.

In accordance with Senate Bill 310, which changes the eligibility and disqualification criteria listed in Section 203 of the Code of Civil Procedure, having a felony conviction on your criminal record does not disqualify you from jury service. This change is effective January 1, 2020.

However, if you have been convicted of a felony and are currently on parole, postrelease community supervision, felony probation, or mandated supervision for the conviction of a felony, you remain disqualified from jury service. Additionally, individuals who are currently required to register as a sex offender pursuant to Section 290 of the Penal Code based on the felony conviction. Lastly, if any individual is incarcerated in any prison or jail, they are also disqualified from jury service.

We encourage individuals who have questions regarding these changes to contact Tuolumne Superior Court jury office. For those individuals who will now be eligible for jury service and wish to serve, please remember that selection is random. The best way to ensure your name is added to the randomized selection process is to update your information with your county's local Registrar of Voters and with the California Department of Motor Vehicles.