

JURIES (ENTITLEMENT TO SERVE) AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill enables people of over 65 years of age and people with disabilities to serve as jurors if they wish to and be subject to the normal rules of challenge.

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Hon. Phil Goff

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ANALYSIS

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	6. Registrar may excuse from jury service

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to enable people of over 65 years of age and people with disabilities to serve as jurors, and to amend the Juries Act 1981

5 BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of New Zealand as follows:

1. **Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Juries (Entitlement to Serve) Amendment Act 1995, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Juries Act 1981* (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

10 2. **Qualification and liability**—Section 6 (a) of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words “but has not attained the age of 65 years”.

15 3. **Empowering people with disabilities to serve**—Section 8 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (j).

4. **Preparation of jury lists**—Section 9 (3) (a) of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words “, or over the age of 65 years”.

*1981, No. 23

Amendments: 1982, No. 174; 1985, No. 181; 1994, No. 152

5. Registrar may amend jury list—Section 12 (1) of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words “or is over the age of 65 years”.

6. Registrar may excuse from jury service—(1) Section 15 (1) of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting in paragraph (b), after the word “health,”, the words “or disability,”. 5

(2) Section 15 (2) of the principal Act is hereby amended—

(a) By adding to paragraph (c) the word “; or”:

(b) By adding the following paragraph:

“(d) Has attained the age of 65 years.” 10