

# State of South Dakota

EIGHTY-FOURTH SESSION  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2009

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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1163

Introduced by: Representatives Van Gerpen, Boomgarden, Carson, Feickert, Gibson, Hunhoff (Bernie), Jensen, Juhnke, Moser, Novstrup (David), Putnam, Sly, Steele, Thompson, Vanderlinde, and Verchio and Senators Hanson (Gary), Bartling, Fryslie, and Miles

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to excuse certain elderly persons from jury duty upon  
2 request.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 16-13-10 be amended to read as follows:

5 16-13-10. Any citizen of this state, who is a resident of the county or jury district where the  
6 jury is selected, eighteen years of age or older prior to January first of the year of jury service,  
7 of sound mind and who is able to read, write, and understand the English language, is eligible  
8 to serve as a juror. However, any person eighty years of age or older shall be excused from jury  
9 duty upon request. Any member of the clergy, as defined in § 19-13-16, if jury service conflicts  
10 with religious belief, is exempt from jury duty. Any member of a church or religious  
11 organization is exempt from jury duty if jury service conflicts with the religious belief of that  
12 church or religious organization. Any person who has been convicted of a felony unless restored  
13 to civil rights is not eligible to serve as a juror. No potential juror may be excluded from jury  
14 duty because of a visual or hearing impairment.

