

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1204

Introduced by: Representatives Deadrick, Brunner, Cutler, Davis, Dykstra, Elliott, Frost, Fryslie, Garnos, Glover, Hackl, Haley, Halverson, Hargens, Hennies, Howie, Hunhoff, Jensen, Jerke, Klaudt, Koistinen, Lange, McCoy, Michels, Miles, Nelson, Novstrup, Pederson (Gordon), Putnam, Rave, Rounds, Schafer, Sebert, Sigdestad, Street, Turbiville, and Vehle and Senators Sutton (Duane), Bogue, Greenfield, Hansen (Tom), Hundstad, Kooistra, Moore, Olson (Ed), Schoenbeck, and Sutton (Dan)

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to exempt certain persons from jury duty because of
2 religious beliefs.

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. Any member of the clergy, as defined in § 19-13-16, if jury service conflicts
9 with religious belief, is exempt from jury duty. Any member of a church or religious
10 organization is exempt from jury duty if jury service conflicts with the religious belief of that
11 church or religious organization. Any person who has been convicted of a felony unless restored
12 to civil rights is not eligible to serve as a juror. No potential juror may be excluded from jury
13 duty because of a visual or hearing impairment.

