

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, petit juror qualifications are not in line with other state statutes. Statutes governing all other jurors, whether grand jurors or petit jurors in criminal cases, already disqualify a person who has been convicted of misdemeanor theft. As proposed, S.B. 518 changes the qualifications for petit jurors in civil cases to exclude persons who have been convicted of a misdemeanor, felony theft, or any other theft.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 62.102, Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 62.102. GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR JURY SERVICE. Adds conviction of misdemeanor or felony theft to the list of reasons for which a person is disqualified from serving as a petit juror. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 62.102, Government Code, to make application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2003.