99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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by Rep. Fred Crespo

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

705 ILCS 305/10.4 705 ILCS 310/10.5

Amends the Jury Act and the Jury Commission Act. In Sections concerning removal of prospective jurors due to total and permanent disability, provides that proof of total and permanent disability may be submitted in the form of copies of school special education individual education programs. Provides that the county board, jury administrator, or jury commissioners shall notify a prospective juror, or his or her legal guardian, when the juror is permanently excluded from all current and subsequent jury lists or general jury lists due to total and permanent disability.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning courts.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Jury Act is amended by changing Section 10.45 as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 305/10.4)

7 Sec. 10.4. Removal of prospective juror due to total and 8 permanent disability. If a prospective juror is found to be 9 ungualified due to the existence of a total and permanent disability or is excused for undue hardship that is due to the 10 existence of a total and permanent disability, the county 11 12 jury administrator, or jury commissioners board, shall 13 permanently exclude the prospective juror from all current and 14 subsequent jury lists or general jury lists. Proof of total and permanent disability shall be either: 15

16 (1) a written letter from a licensed physician that 17 states the prospective juror has a total and permanent 18 disability as defined in this Section, describes the 19 disability, explains how it prevents the prospective juror 20 from serving as a juror, and states that the prospective 21 juror will never be able to serve as a juror; or:

22 <u>(2) copies of school special education individual</u> 23 <u>education programs submitted by the prospective juror or</u> - 2 - LRB099 09017 HEP 29199 b

his or her legal guardian. 1 2 The county board, jury administrator, or jury commissioners shall create and maintain a list of persons to be 3 permanently excluded from any jury list or general jury list 4 5 pursuant to this Section. The county board, jury administrator, or jury commissioners shall notify a prospective juror, or his 6 or her legal quardian, when the juror is permanently excluded 7 from all current and subsequent jury lists or general jury 8 9 lists due to total and permanent disability. 10 For the purposes of this Section, "total and permanent 11 disability" means any physical or mental impairment, disease, 12 or loss of a permanent nature that prevents performance of the duties of a juror. 13 (Source: P.A. 97-436, eff. 1-1-12.) 14 15 Section 10. The Jury Commission Act is amended by changing

16 Section 10.5 as follows:

17 (705 ILCS 310/10.5)

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For the purposes of this Section, "total and permanent disability" means any physical or mental impairment, disease, or loss of a permanent nature that prevents performance of the duties of a juror.

24 (Source: P.A. 97-436, eff. 1-1-12.)

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