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Bill No	Author	Description	Status as of September 12 2007
AB14	Laird	<p>This bill amends CCP 204(a).</p> <p>CCP 204(a) currently reads: “No eligible person shall be exempt from service as a trial juror by reason of occupation, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, economic status, or sexual orientation or for any other reason.”</p> <p>AB 14 amends CCP 204 (a) to read: “No eligible person shall be exempt from service as a trial juror by reason of occupation, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, economic status, or sexual orientation or any characteristic listed or defined in Section 11135 of the Government Code, or for any other reason.”</p> <p>The characteristics defined in Section 11135 of the GC are: race, national origin, ethnic group identification, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, color, and disability.</p>	<p>Amended 8/23/07.</p> <p>Nothing further has been amended to CCP 204(a)</p> <p>To enrollment</p>

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<p>AB310</p>	<p>Silva</p>	<p>This bill amends CCP 222(a) and 618 to correct technical or minor defects in the statutes.</p> <p>CCP 222 currently reads: (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), when an action is called for trial by jury, the clerk, or the judge where there is no clerk, shall randomly select the names of the jurors for voir dire, until the jury is selected or the panel is exhausted.</p> <p>(b) When the jury commissioner has provided the court with a listing of the trial jury panel in random order, the court shall seat prospective jurors for voir dire in the order provided by the panel list.</p> <p>AB310 amends CCP 222 (a) to strike out the phrase “or the judge where there is no clerk”, to read: (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), when an action is called for trial by jury, the clerk, or the judge where there is no clerk, shall randomly select the names of the jurors for voir dire, until the jury is selected or the panel is exhausted.</p> <p>CCP 618 currently reads: When the jury, or three-fourths of them, have agreed upon a verdict, they must be conducted into court and the verdict rendered by their foreman. The verdict must be in writing, signed by the foreman, and must be read to the jury by the clerk, or by the court, if there be no clerk, and the inquiry made whether it is their verdict. Either party may require the jury to be polled, which is done by the court or clerk,</p>	<p>Enrolled on 9/5/2007</p>
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		<p>asking each juror if it his verdict. If upon such inquiry or polling, more than one-fourth of the jurors disagree thereto, the jury must be sent out again, but if no such disagreement be expressed, the verdict is complete and the jury discharged from the case.</p> <p>AB 310 amends CCP 618 to read:</p> <p>When the jury, or three-fourths of them, have agreed upon a verdict, they must be conducted into court and the verdict rendered by their foreman <i>foreperson</i> . The verdict must be in writing, signed by the foreman <i>foreperson</i>, and must be read to the jury by the clerk, or by the court, if there be no clerk, and the inquiry made whether it is their verdict. Either party may require the jury to be polled, which is done by the court or clerk, asking each juror if it is his <i>the juror's</i> verdict. If upon such inquiry or polling, more than one-fourth of the jurors disagree thereto, the jury must be sent out again, but if no such disagreement be <i>is</i> expressed, the verdict is complete and the jury discharged from the case.</p>	
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Two bills of some interest:

AB 703, Ruskin.

Existing law prohibits posting or displaying an individual's social security number. This bill would prohibit a person or entity from using a social security number as an identifier, except as required by federal or state law. The bill would also require that records containing social security numbers be discarded or destroyed in a specified manner, and would require the encryption or locked storage of records containing social security numbers.

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This bill may be of interest to the Jury Offices who are considering using social security numbers to match up juror records received from the DMV and the ROV. If this bill passes, those of us who send 1099s will have to destroy all W9s in the manner specified by the bill, one that protects the juror's "confidentiality, such as through the use of crosscut shredding."

The April hearing in Assembly Committee on Judiciary was cancelled at request of author. No update since.

Last day for any bill to be passed: September 14, 2007