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Bill No	Author	Description	Status as of Feb 14, 2008
AB1769	Galgiani	<p>Amends CCP 219 to exempt all peace officers as defined in Chapter 4.5 of Title 3 of Part 2 of the Penal Code, commencing with Section 830, from voir dire in civil and criminal matters.</p> <p>Current law only exempts peace officers defined in PC 830.1, 830.2 (a) and 830.33 (a) from voir dire in criminal and civil matters and exempts peace officers as defined in PC 830.2 (b) and (c) from voir dire in criminal matters. This bill will exempt all peace officers listed in the chapter, commencing with PC 830 and ending with PC 832.8. Some peace officers listed are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Of course, the usual suspects: correctional officers and probation and parole officers. • Employees of such departments as Fish and Game, Parks and Recreation, Forestry and Fire Protection; Department of Motor Vehicle; Social Services as long as their primary duty is the enforcement of the law set forth in the appropriate code. • BART and harbor police, National Guard, AND any person deputized as reserve deputy sheriff, deputy park ranger, etc... 	Referred to Coms. On Public Safety and Judiciary
AB 1828	Huff	Adds section 204.5 to the Code of Civil Procedure to excuse from jury service, upon request, a prospective juror who has served in this state during the previous 12 months on a statewide or local election day as precinct officer or precinct board member.	Referred to Com. On Judiciary

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AB1854	Garrick	Adds PC 904.9 to authorize the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of San Diego to impanel an additional grand jury upon the request of the Attorney General or district attorney or on his or her own motion. Current law allows empanelment of two grand juries. This bill will allow San Diego to empanel a third one. Los Angeles Superior Court was authorized to empanel up to 2 additional grand juries.	May be heard in Com. on March 1.
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Update on last year's bills:

AB 14- Laird- amending CCP 204(a) to read: “No eligible person shall be exempt from service as a trial juror by reason of occupation, economic status, or any characteristic listed or defined in Section 11135 of the Government Code, or for any other reason.” This bill was chaptered last year.

AB 310 – Silva- amending CCP 222(a) to remove the phrase “or the judge, when there is no clerk” in relation to calling jurors’ names randomly during voir dire; amending CCP 618 to change the appellation “foreman” to “foreperson.” This bill was chaptered last year.

AB 703- Ruskin – prohibiting a person or entity from using a social security number as an identifier, except as required by federal or state law and requiring that records containing social security numbers be discarded or destroyed in a specified manner, and encryption or locked storage of records containing social security numbers. This bill is dead.