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Bill 52

**An Act to amend the Juries Act with respect to juror eligibility
and to make related amendments to other Acts**

Mrs. N. Des Rosiers

Private Member's Bill

1st Reading November 1, 2018

2nd Reading

3rd Reading

Royal Assent



**An Act to amend the *Juries Act* with respect to juror eligibility
and to make related amendments to other Acts**

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

1 Clause 4 (b) of the *Juries Act* is repealed and the following substituted:

(b) is legally confined in a correctional institution.

2 Section 18.2 of the Act is repealed.

3 Clauses 37 (b.1) and (b.2) of the Act are repealed.

Police Record Checks Reform Act, 2015

4 Paragraph 4 of subsection 2 (2) of the *Police Record Checks Reform Act, 2015* is repealed.

Safer Ontario Act, 2018

5 Section 29 of Schedule 5 to the *Safer Ontario Act, 2018* is repealed.

Commencement

6 This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.

Short title

7 The short title of this Act is the *Juries Statute Law Amendment Act (Juror Eligibility), 2018*.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bill amends the *Juries Act* and makes related amendments to two other Acts.

Currently, clause 4 (b) of the Act provides that a person is ineligible to serve as a juror if they have been convicted of an offence that may be prosecuted by indictment and have not received a pardon. The Bill repeals this clause and instead provides that persons are ineligible to serve as jurors if they are legally confined in a correctional institution.

Section 18.2 of the Act is repealed because it provides for criminal record checks to assess whether a juror is ineligible for inclusion on a jury panel. These checks will no longer be needed.

Related amendments are made to the *Juries Act* and to two other Acts.