

State of South Dakota

EIGHTY-THIRD SESSION
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2008

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SENATE BILL NO. 104

Introduced by: Senators Kloucek, Garnos, and Napoli and Representatives Nygaard,
Gassman, Jerke, and Olson (Betty)

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to excuse certain elderly persons from jury duty upon
2 request.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 16-13-10 be amended to read as follows:

5 16-13-10. Any citizen of this state, who is a resident of the county or jury district where the
6 jury is selected, eighteen years of age or older prior to January first of the year of jury service,
7 of sound mind and who is able to read, write, and understand the English language, is eligible
8 to serve as a juror. Any member of the clergy, as defined in § 19-13-16, if jury service conflicts
9 with religious belief, is exempt from jury duty. Any person over the age of seventy-five shall
10 be excused from jury duty upon request. Any member of a church or religious organization is
11 exempt from jury duty if jury service conflicts with the religious belief of that church or
12 religious organization. Any person who has been convicted of a felony unless restored to civil
13 rights is not eligible to serve as a juror. No potential juror may be excluded from jury duty
14 because of a visual or hearing impairment.

