

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

SENATE BILL NO. 2120
(Judiciary Committee)
(At the request of the Supreme Court)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subdivision a of subsection 2 of section 27-09.1-08 and section 29-01-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to selection of jurors and defendants' rights.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subdivision a of subsection 2 of section 27-09.1-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- a. Is not a citizen of the United States and a resident of the state and county in the jury pool;

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 29-01-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

29-01-06. Rights of defendant. In all criminal prosecutions the party accused has the right:

1. To appear and defend in person and with counsel;
2. To demand and be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation;
3. To meet the witnesses against the party face to face;
4. To have the process of the court to compel the attendance of witnesses in the party's behalf; and
5. To a speedy and public trial, and by an impartial jury ~~of~~ in the county in which the offense is alleged to have been committed or is triable, but subject to the right of the state to have a change of the place of trial for any of the causes for which the party accused may obtain the same.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2120.

Senate Vote: Yeas 41 Nays 0 Absent 6

House Vote: Yeas 91 Nays 0 Absent 3

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2009,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State