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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| C.S.H.B. 5110 |
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| Committee Report (Substituted) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  All Texans have the duty to serve as jurors and undergo jury duty. Disqualifying a person from service on a jury based on their beliefs or identities is not appropriate. C.S.H.B. 5110 seeks to decrease any unequal treatment of potential jurors by prohibiting a person from being disqualified to serve on a jury based on their age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, economic status, religious affiliation, or political belief. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS**  C.S.H.B. 5110 amends the Government Code to prohibit a person from being disqualified to serve as a juror based on their age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, economic status, religious affiliation, or political belief. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2023. |
| **COMPARISON OF INTRODUCED AND SUBSTITUTE**  C.S.H.B. 5110 differs from the introduced only by including a Texas Legislative Council draft number in the footer. |
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