

1-1 By: Hughes S.B. No. 2087  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2023; March 21, 2023, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;  
 1-4 March 30, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10,  
 1-5 Nays 1; March 30, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to an exemption from jury service for the spouse of an  
 1-22 officer or employee in the legislative branch of government.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 62.106(a), Government Code, is amended  
 1-25 to read as follows:

1-26 (a) A person qualified to serve as a petit juror may  
 1-27 establish an exemption from jury service if the person:

1-28 (1) is over 70 years of age;

1-29 (2) has legal custody of a child younger than 12 years  
 1-30 of age and the person's service on the jury requires leaving the  
 1-31 child without adequate supervision;

1-32 (3) is a student of a public or private secondary  
 1-33 school;

1-34 (4) is a person enrolled and in actual attendance at an  
 1-35 institution of higher education;

1-36 (5) is an officer or an employee, or the spouse of an  
 1-37 officer or employee, of the senate, the house of representatives,  
 1-38 or any department, commission, board, office, or other agency in  
 1-39 the legislative branch of state government;

1-40 (6) is summoned for service in a county with a  
 1-41 population of at least 200,000, unless that county uses a jury plan  
 1-42 under Section 62.011 and the period authorized under Section  
 1-43 62.011(b)(5) exceeds two years, and the person has served as a petit  
 1-44 juror in the county during the 24-month period preceding the date  
 1-45 the person is to appear for jury service;

1-46 (7) is the primary caretaker of a person who is unable  
 1-47 to care for himself or herself;

1-48 (8) except as provided by Subsection (b), is summoned  
 1-49 for service in a county with a population of at least 250,000 and  
 1-50 the person has served as a petit juror in the county during the  
 1-51 three-year period preceding the date the person is to appear for  
 1-52 jury service; or

1-53 (9) is a member of the United States military forces  
 1-54 serving on active duty and deployed to a location away from the  
 1-55 person's home station and out of the person's county of residence.

1-56 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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