

1-1 By: Hinojosa S.B. No. 737
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1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the exemption of certain military personnel from jury
1-9 service.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 62.106, Government Code,
1-12 is amended to read as follows:

1-13 (a) A person qualified to serve as a petit juror may
1-14 establish an exemption from jury service if the person:

1-15 (1) is over 70 years of age;

1-16 (2) has legal custody of a child younger than 10 years
1-17 of age and the person's service on the jury requires leaving the
1-18 child without adequate supervision;

1-19 (3) is a student of a public or private secondary
1-20 school;

1-21 (4) is a person enrolled and in actual attendance at an
1-22 institution of higher education;

1-23 (5) is an officer or an employee of the senate, the
1-24 house of representatives, or any department, commission, board,
1-25 office, or other agency in the legislative branch of state
1-26 government;

1-27 (6) is summoned for service in a county with a
1-28 population of at least 200,000, unless that county uses a jury plan
1-29 under Section 62.011 and the period authorized under Section
1-30 62.011(b)(5) exceeds two years, and the person has served as a petit
1-31 juror in the county during the 24-month period preceding the date
1-32 the person is to appear for jury service;

1-33 (7) is the primary caretaker of a person who is an
1-34 invalid unable to care for himself; ~~or~~

1-35 (8) except as provided by Subsection (b), is summoned
1-36 for service in a county with a population of at least 250,000 and
1-37 the person has served as a petit juror in the county during the
1-38 three-year period preceding the date the person is to appear for
1-39 jury service; or

1-40 (9) is a member of the United States military forces
1-41 serving on active duty and deployed to a location away from the
1-42 person's home station and out of the person's county of residence.

1-43 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to a person summoned to
1-44 appear for jury duty on or after the effective date of this Act. A
1-45 person summoned to appear for jury duty before the effective date of
1-46 this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before the
1-47 effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in
1-48 effect for that purpose.

1-49 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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