

1-1 By: Nelson S.B. No. 85
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the duties of the county tax assessor-collector and
1-9 voter registrar regarding exemptions from jury service.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Subsections (b) and (c), Section 62.107,
1-12 Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-13 (b) A person may also claim an exemption from jury service
1-14 under Section 62.106 by filing with the sheriff, voter registrar
1-15 ~~[tax assessor-collector]~~, or district or county clerk of the county
1-16 of the person's [his] residence a sworn statement that sets forth
1-17 the ground of and claims the exemption. The name of a person who
1-18 claims an an [his] exemption by filing the sworn statement may not be
1-19 placed in the jury wheel for the ensuing year.

1-20 (c) A person who files a statement with a clerk of the court,
1-21 as provided by Subsection (a), claiming an exemption because the
1-22 person is over 70 years of age, may also claim the permanent
1-23 exemption on that ground authorized by Section 62.108 by including
1-24 in the statement filed with the clerk a declaration that the person
1-25 desires the permanent exemption. Promptly after a statement
1-26 claiming a permanent exemption on the basis of age is filed, the
1-27 clerk of the court with whom it is filed shall have a copy delivered
1-28 to the voter registrar of the county ~~[tax assessor-collector]~~.

1-29 SECTION 2. Subsections (b), (c), and (e), Section 62.108,
1-30 Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-31 (b) A person may claim a permanent exemption:

1-32 (1) by filing with the voter registrar of the county
1-33 ~~[tax assessor-collector]~~, by mail or personal delivery, a signed
1-34 statement affirming that the person is over 70 years of age and
1-35 desires a permanent exemption on that ground; or

1-36 (2) in the manner provided by Section 62.107(c).

1-37 (c) The voter registrar of the county ~~[tax~~
1-38 ~~assessor-collector]~~ shall maintain a current register indicating
1-39 the name of each person who has claimed and is entitled to a
1-40 permanent exemption from jury service because the person is over 70
1-41 years of age.

1-42 (e) A person who has claimed a permanent exemption from jury
1-43 service because the person is over 70 years of age may rescind the
1-44 exemption at any time by filing a signed request for the rescission
1-45 with the voter registrar of the county ~~[tax assessor-collector]~~.
1-46 Rescission of a permanent exemption does not affect the right of a
1-47 person who is over 70 years of age to claim permanent exemption at a
1-48 later time.

1-49 SECTION 3. Subsections (c) and (e), Section 62.109,
1-50 Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-51 (c) The clerk of the district court shall promptly notify
1-52 the voter registrar of the county ~~[tax assessor-collector]~~ of the
1-53 name and address of each person exempted and state whether the
1-54 exemption is permanent or for a specified period. The voter
1-55 registrar ~~[tax assessor-collector]~~ shall maintain a current
1-56 register showing separately the name and address of each person
1-57 permanently exempt from jury service under this section and the
1-58 name and address of each person exempt from jury service under this
1-59 section for a specified period.

1-60 (e) A person exempt from jury service under this section may
1-61 rescind the exemption at any time by filing a signed request for the
1-62 rescission with the voter registrar of the county ~~[tax~~
1-63 ~~assessor-collector]~~.

1-64 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only

2-1 to a person claiming an exemption from jury service or rescinding an
2-2 exemption from jury service on or after the effective date of this
2-3 Act. A person claiming an exemption from jury service or rescinding
2-4 an exemption from jury service before the effective date of this Act
2-5 is governed by the law in effect on the date the person claims or
2-6 rescinds the exemption, and the former law is continued in effect
2-7 for that purpose.

2-8 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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