

1-1 By: Watson S.B. No. 370
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 16, 2019; February 7, 2019,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 April 8, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
 1-5 Nays 0; April 8, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to employment protections for jury service.
 1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-21 SECTION 1. Section 122.001, Civil Practice and Remedies
 1-22 Code, is amended to read as follows:
 1-23 Sec. 122.001. PROTECTION OF JURORS' EMPLOYMENT; JUROR'S
 1-24 RIGHT TO REEMPLOYMENT; NOTICE OF INTENT TO RETURN. (a) An [A
 1-25 private] employer may not discharge, threaten to discharge,
 1-26 intimidate, or coerce any [terminate the employment of a] permanent
 1-27 employee because the employee serves as a juror, or for the
 1-28 employee's attendance or scheduled attendance in connection with
 1-29 the service, in any court in the United States.
 1-30 (b) An employee who is discharged, threatened with
 1-31 discharge, intimidated, or coerced [whose employment is
 1-32 terminated] in violation of this section is entitled to return to
 1-33 the same employment that the employee held when summoned for jury
 1-34 service if the employee, as soon as practical after release from
 1-35 jury service, gives the employer actual notice that the employee
 1-36 intends to return.
 1-37 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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