By: Hall S.B. No. 452

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an exemption from grand jury service.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Article 19A.105(b), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The following qualified persons may be exempted from grand jury service:

(1) a person who is 75 years of age or older;

(2) a person responsible for the care of a child who is younger than 18 years of age and who will be without adequate supervision if the person serves on the grand jury;

(3) a student of a public or private secondary school;

(4) a person enrolled in and in actual attendance at an institution of higher education; [~~and~~]

(5) a person who is a legislative employee, as defined by Section 306.008, Government Code, if the service would occur during a legislative session; and

(6) any other person the court determines has a reasonable excuse from service.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a grand jury proceeding that begins on or after the effective date of this Act. A grand jury proceeding that begins before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the proceeding began, and the former law is continued in effect

for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2027.