



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 544

HOUSE BILL NO. 1303

By Representatives Bricken, Curcio, Gant, Hardaway, Gillespie, Littleton, Helton

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1296

By Senator Bowling

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 22, relative to jury service.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 22-1-103, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

() A person who is seventy-five (75) years of age or older is excused from jury service upon a showing that the person is seventy-five (75) years of age or older and that the person is incapable of performing jury service because of a mental or physical condition. The jury coordinator of the county shall excuse the person from jury service upon receiving a written declaration stating the person's name and date of birth, and declaring the mental or physical condition that causes the person to be incapable of performing jury service. The declaration may be completed by the person or the person's personal representative. The jury coordinator of each county shall make available declaration forms for the purpose of this subsection (). This subsection () does not prevent a person seventy-five (75) years of age or older from participating in jury service.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 22-2-306, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(6) and substituting:

(6) Process by which the juror may request to be excused due to age or a hardship pursuant to § 22-1-103, including the juror's obligation to submit documentation or a declaration in support of the juror's request and the availability of declaration forms; and

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 3, 2021



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 29th day of May 2021



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR