

CHAPTER 798

H.B. No. 1638

AN ACT

relating to an exemption from jury service for certain state officers and employees.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 62.106, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 62.106. EXEMPTION FROM JURY SERVICE. A person qualified to serve as a petit juror may establish an exemption from jury service if he:

- (1) is over 65 years of age;
- (2) has legal custody of a child or children younger than 10 years of age and his service on the jury requires leaving the child or children without adequate supervision;
- (3) is a student of a public or private secondary school; ~~[or]~~
- (4) is a person enrolled and in actual attendance at an institution of higher education; or
- (5) *is an officer or an employee of the senate, the house of representatives, or any department, commission, board, office, or other agency in the legislative branch of state government.*

SECTION 2. This Act applies to persons summoned to appear for jury service on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 30, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 19, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 1987.

Effective Aug. 31, 1987, 90 days after date of adjournment.