

## CHAPTER 733

## H.B. No. 924

## AN ACT

relating to an exemption from jury duty in certain counties for past service on a petit jury.

*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 summoned for service in a county with a population of at least 200,000, unless that county uses a jury plan under Section 62.011 and the period authorized under Section 62.011(b)(6) exceeds two years, and he has served as a petit juror in the county during the 24-month period preceding the date he is to appear for jury service.*

SECTION 2. This Act applies to exemptions for jury service performed beginning on or after:

- (1) January 1, 1988; or
- (2) on an earlier date set by the commissioners court in a county in which the commissioners court, by an order entered on its minutes, has found that an earlier implementation will not cause substantial costs to the county.

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; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 924 on May 25, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 23, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 18, 1987.

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