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A Bill

SENATE BILL 908

By: Senator A. Clark

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING A CIRCUIT JUDGE WITH GREATER
LATITUDE TO EXCUSE A PERSON FROM JURY DUTY; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

PROVIDING A CIRCUIT JUDGE WITH GREATER
LATITUDE TO EXCUSE A PERSON FROM JURY
DUTY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-31-103 is amended to read as follows:
16-31-103. Exemptions from service.

(a) ~~Any~~ A person may be excused from serving as a grand or petit juror or a jury commissioner for ~~such a~~ a period ~~as~~ the court deems necessary or may have his or her service deferred to another specified term of court ~~when~~ if:

(1) ~~the~~ The state of his or her health or that of his or her family reasonably requires his or her absence; ~~or~~

(2) ~~when, for any reason, his~~ In the opinion of the court, his or her own interests or those of the public ~~will, in the opinion of the court, will~~ be materially injured by his or her attendance; ~~or~~

(3) The court finds that the person's excusal from serving as a grand or petit juror or jury commissioner is reasonable.

(b) A person is excused from jury duty if the summoning court provides the person with less than one (1) week's notice to serve on a jury.

