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A Bill

SENATE BILL 908

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5 By: Senator A. Clark
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

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13 PROVIDING A CIRCUIT JUDGE WITH GREATER
14 LATITUDE TO EXCUSE A PERSON FROM JURY
15 DUTY.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-31-103 is amended to read as follows:
22 16-31-103. Exemptions from service.

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

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

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

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

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