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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 908

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6 By: Senator A. Clark

7 Filed with: Interim Senate Committee on Judiciary  
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

## 9 For An Act To Be Entitled

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

## 13 Subtitle

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

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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-31-103 is amended to read as follows:  
24 16-31-103. Exemptions from service.

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

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

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

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

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

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