



94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
State of Illinois
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HB2400

Introduced 2/16/2005, by Rep. Robert W. Pritchard

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

705 ILCS 305/10.2

from Ch. 78, par. 10.2

Amends the Jury Act. Adds an economic hardship to the list of reasons why a juror may be excused from jury service.

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1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Jury Act is amended by changing Section 10.2
5 as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 305/10.2) (from Ch. 78, par. 10.2)

7 Sec. 10.2. Excusing prospective jurors; hardship.

8 (a) The county boards of the respective counties, the jury
9 commissioners for those counties which have been appointed
10 under the Jury Commission Act, or a jury administrator shall
11 submit questionnaires to prospective jurors to inquire as to
12 their qualifications for jury service and as to the hardship
13 that jury service would pose to the prospective jurors. Upon
14 prior approval by the chief judge of the judicial circuits in
15 which a county board, jury administrator, or jury commissioners
16 are situated, the county board, jury administrator, or jury
17 commissioners shall excuse a prospective juror from jury
18 service if the prospective juror shows that such service would
19 impose an economic hardship or an undue hardship on account of
20 the nature of the prospective juror's occupation, business
21 affairs, physical health, family situation, active duty in the
22 Illinois National Guard or Illinois Naval Militia, or other
23 personal affairs, and cause his or her name to be returned to
24 the jury list or general jury list.

25 (b) When an undue hardship caused by a family situation is
26 due to the prospective juror being the primary care giver of a
27 person with a mental or physical disability, a person with a
28 medically diagnosed behavior problem, or a child under age 12,
29 then the county board, jury commissioners or jury administrator
30 shall excuse such a prospective juror, if it finds that no
31 reasonable alternative care is feasible which would not impose
32 an undue hardship on the prospective juror or the person for

1 whom the prospective juror is providing care, or both.

2 (Source: P.A. 90-482, eff. 1-1-98; 91-264, eff. 7-23-99.)