

1-1 By: Thompson of Brazoria (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.B. No. 866
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 11, 2015;
 1-3 May 12, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-4 Affairs; May 22, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 22, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the exemption from jury service of a person who is the
 1-20 primary caretaker of another person.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 62.106(a), Government Code, is amended
 1-23 to read as follows:

1-24 (a) A person qualified to serve as a petit juror may
 1-25 establish an exemption from jury service if the person:

1-26 (1) is over 70 years of age;

1-27 (2) has legal custody of a child younger than 12 years
 1-28 of age and the person's service on the jury requires leaving the
 1-29 child without adequate supervision;

1-30 (3) is a student of a public or private secondary
 1-31 school;

1-32 (4) is a person enrolled and in actual attendance at an
 1-33 institution of higher education;

1-34 (5) is an officer or an employee of the senate, the
 1-35 house of representatives, or any department, commission, board,
 1-36 office, or other agency in the legislative branch of state
 1-37 government;

1-38 (6) is summoned for service in a county with a
 1-39 population of at least 200,000, unless that county uses a jury plan
 1-40 under Section 62.011 and the period authorized under Section
 1-41 62.011(b)(5) exceeds two years, and the person has served as a petit
 1-42 juror in the county during the 24-month period preceding the date
 1-43 the person is to appear for jury service;

1-44 (7) is the primary caretaker of a person who is [~~an~~
 1-45 ~~invalid~~] unable to care for himself or herself;

1-46 (8) except as provided by Subsection (b), is summoned
 1-47 for service in a county with a population of at least 250,000 and
 1-48 the person has served as a petit juror in the county during the
 1-49 three-year period preceding the date the person is to appear for
 1-50 jury service; or

1-51 (9) is a member of the United States military forces
 1-52 serving on active duty and deployed to a location away from the
 1-53 person's home station and out of the person's county of residence.

1-54 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to a person summoned to
 1-55 appear for jury service who is required to appear on or after the
 1-56 effective date of this Act. A person summoned to appear for jury
 1-57 service who is required to appear before the effective date of this
 1-58 Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before the
 1-59 effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in
 1-60 effect for that purpose.

1-61 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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