

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 321  
Judiciary I Committee Substitute Adopted 4/20/05  
House Committee Substitute Favorable 6/14/05

Short Title: Jury Exemptions/72 and Older.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 3, 2005

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW PERSONS SEVENTY-TWO AND OLDER REQUESTING TO  
3 BE EXCUSED FROM JURY DUTY TO REQUEST AN EXEMPTION FROM  
4 JURY SERVICE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 9-6.1 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 9-6.1. ~~Excuses on account of age.~~ Requests to be excused.**

8 Any person summoned as a juror who is ~~65~~<sup>72</sup> years or older ~~may establish his~~  
9 ~~exemption and who wishes to be excused, deferred, or exempted may make the request~~  
10 without appearing in person by filing a signed statement of the ground of ~~his~~ the  
11 ~~exemption request~~ with the chief district court judge of that district, or the district court  
12 judge or trial court administrator designated by ~~him~~ the chief district court judge  
13 pursuant to G.S. ~~9-6(b)~~<sup>9-6(b)</sup>, at anytime five days before the date upon which ~~he~~ the  
14 person is summoned to appear. A person may request either a temporary or permanent  
15 exemption under this section, and the judge or trial court administrator may accept or  
16 reject either in the exercise of discretion conferred by G.S. 9-6(b), including the  
17 substitution of a temporary exemption for a requested permanent exemption. In the case  
18 of supplemental jurors summoned under G.S. 9-11, ~~such~~ notice may be given when  
19 summoned. In case the chief district court judge, or the judge or trial court administrator  
20 designated by ~~him~~ the chief district court judge pursuant to G.S. 9-6(b), ~~shall reject~~  
21 rejects the request for exemption, the prospective juror shall be immediately notified by  
22 the trial court administrator or the clerk of court by telephone, letter, or personally."

23 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2005, and applies to  
24 persons summoned for jury service on or after that date.