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## **SB 1063: juror summons; election worker option**

**Sponsor: Senator Finchem, LD 1**

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### **Overview**

Allows potential jurors to be excused from jury duty by serving as a temporary election worker during specified time periods.

### **History**

All qualified citizens are obligated to serve on a jury when summoned by state courts. Potential jurors can be temporarily excused for reasons such as being mentally or physically incapable, being incapable of understanding English or jury service causing an undue or extreme physical or financial hardship. Jury summons must be delivered by giving personal notice, leaving a written notice at the persons residence, by telephone or by mail. Ways to complete jury service include serving on a trial until being excused or discharged, appearing in court but not being assigned or checking via telephone or website if you are needed to report for jury duty for a specified time period (A.R.S. §§ [21-202](#), [21-331](#), [21-332](#)).

### **Provisions**

1. Allows a jury commissioner 120 to 90 days before a regular primary election to give a qualified juror the option to serve as a temporary election worker in the appropriate county for the upcoming primary and general elections instead of fulfilling a jury service obligation. (Sec. 3)
2. Requires the jury commissioner to submit the names and contact information of prospective jurors interested in serving as temporary election workers to the county officer in charge of elections no later than 90 days before the general election. (Sec. 3)
3. Mandates the county officer in charge of elections process the names and inform the jury commissioner of the prospective jurors who intend to fulfill their jury service obligation by serving as temporary election workers. (Sec. 3)
4. Requires the county officer in charge of elections determine the potential jurors qualified to serve as election board workers, potential jurors who are ineligible by law and potential jurors who are unwilling to serve at the location or in the position designated by the county officer in charge of elections. (Sec. 1)
5. Authorizes the county officer in charge of elections to appoint those determined eligible to work as temporary election board workers. (Sec. 1)

☐ Prop 105 (45 votes)

☐ Prop 108 (40 votes)

☐ Emergency (40 votes)

☐ Fiscal Note

6. Permits the county officer in charge of elections to determine if the prospective temporary election board workers can receive some or all of their training by web-based training modules or similar electronic means. (Sec. 1)
7. Requires the county officer in charge of elections to notify the jury commissioner when the temporary election board worker has completed their service. (Sec. 1)
8. Allows a prospective juror to be excused if they provide proof from the county that they were employed as an election board worker within 180 days preceding the receipt of the jury summons. (Sec. 2)
9. Adds working as a temporary election worker through the prescribed process as a way to fulfil jury service obligations. (Sec. 4)
10. Makes technical and conforming changes. (Sec. 3, 4)

**Amendments**

*Committee on Federalism, Military Affairs and Elections*

1. Replaces the term election board worker with inspector, marshal, judge or clerk.