

SENATE BILL 208

By Green

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 22,
relative to jury service.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 22-1-103, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (e):

(e)

(1) Any person, when summoned to jury duty, may be excused upon a showing that the person is seventy-two (72) years of age or older.

(2) A person requesting an excuse based on age pursuant to this subsection (e) is required to provide the jury coordinator of the summoning court with government-issued identification or government-issued documentation that the jury coordinator finds sufficient to prove the person's age.

(3) Upon receipt of sufficient proof that the requesting person is seventy-two (72) years of age or older, the jury coordinator shall excuse the person from the summons.

(4) Nothing in this subsection (e) prevents a person seventy-two (72) years of age or older from participating in jury service by forgoing the age exemption provided by this subsection (e).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 22-2-306(a)(6), is amended by deleting the language "due to a hardship" and substituting instead the language "due to age or a hardship".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.