

SENATE BILL 1774

By Massey

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) A person who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older may be excused from serving as a juror upon a showing that the person is sixty-five (65) years of age or older. The jury coordinator of the county shall excuse the person from serving as a juror upon receiving a request in writing, which must be accompanied by an affidavit giving the person's name, date of birth, basis for making the request, and such other information as the jury coordinator may require. Failure to provide satisfactory documentation may result in a denial of the request to be excused. The jury coordinator of each county shall make available to prospective jurors affidavit forms for the purpose of this subsection (e). Nothing in this subsection (e) prevents a person sixty-five (65) years of age or older from participating in jury service.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 22-2-306(a)(6), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(6) Process by which the juror may request to be excused due to age or a hardship pursuant to § 22-1-103, including the juror's obligation to submit documentation or an affidavit in support of the juror's request and the availability of affidavit forms; and

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.