

HCS HBs 2063 & 1726 -- JURY DUTY

SPONSOR: White

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 5 to 4.

This bill specifies that, upon application to the court, any person who is 75 years of age or older shall be excused from service as a petit or grand juror.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that older people often have a difficult time getting to and from jury duty. It is very burdensome when they can't drive or get around easily. This would not exempt these individuals automatically; rather, it would give them the opportunity to apply for exemption.

Testifying for the bill were Representative White and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.