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89TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 494.430, RSMo 1994, relating to persons entitled to be excused from jury duty, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the same subject.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 494.430, RSMo 1994, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 494.430 and 1, to read as follows:

494.430. Upon timely application to the court, the following persons shall be excused from service as a petit or grand juror:

- (1) Any person actually performing the duties of a clergyman;
- (2) Any person who has served on a state or federal petit or grand jury within the preceding year;
- (3) Any person whose absence from his regular place of employment would, in the judgment of the court, tend materially and adversely to affect the public safety, health, welfare or interest;
- (4) Any person upon whom service as a juror would in the judgment of the court impose an extreme hardship;
- (5) Any person licensed to engage in and actively engaged in the practice of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, dentistry or pharmacy[.];
- (6) Any person who so requests in writing that lives more than five miles from the county seat, who does not have his or her own transportation;**
- (7) Any person with a child less than thirteen years of age who would be at home unattended after 4:00 p.m.;**

**EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

**(8) Any person with a dependant, adult or minor, on whom such service would be a hardship;**

**(9) Any person who is one of only two employees or workers in a business upon written request.**

**Section 1. Upon timely application to the court, the following persons may be excused from service as a petit or grand juror:**

**(1) Any person with family responsibility which would require leaving a child unattended for extended periods of time;**

**(2) Any person who's employer requests the employee be excused because the employee is urgently needed to fulfill job responsibilities;**

**(3) Any person with medical problems;**

**(4) Any person upon whom such service would impose a financial hardship.**

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