

1969 Assembly Bill 617

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CHAPTER 305, LAWS OF 1969

AN ACT to repeal and recreate 255.02 of the statutes, relating to exempting some people from serving as jurors.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

255.02 of the statute is repealed and recreated to read:

255.02 WHO ARE EXEMPT. (1) The following persons are exempt from serving as jurors:

(a) All officers of the United States; elective state officers; members and officers of the legislature during the session thereof; city and county officers; constables; judges and clerks of courts; and officers of fire departments and active members of fire companies organized according to law.

(b) Attorneys at law; physicians; surgeons; dentists; Christian Science practitioners and readers; and ministers of the gospel or any religious society.

(c) Students who are attending or have attended a law school or medical school.

(2) The following persons shall be exempted upon their request or upon the judge's own motion: (a) All administrators, professors, instructors and teachers and their assistants of public and private primary and secondary schools and institutions of higher education.

(b) One dispensing druggist in each prescription drugstore and one embalmer holding license issued by the department of health and social services in each undertaking establishment.

(c) Officers and employes of the several state and county institutions.

(d) Any person over 65.

(3) (a) A judge for good cause may excuse or exclude from jury service any person called as a juror.

(b) Any class or group of persons may, for the public interest, be excluded from the jury panel or excused from service as jurors by order of the judge based on a finding that such jury service would entail undue hardship, extreme inconvenience or serious obstruction or delay in the fair and impartial administration of justice.

(c) No citizen shall be excluded from service as grand or petit juror in any court of this state on account of race or color.

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