



2001 SENATE BILL 74

March 6, 2001 - Introduced by Senators RISSER and SCHULTZ, cosponsored by Representatives CARPENTER, J. LEHMAN, RYBA, PETTIS, STASKUNAS and ALBERS. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Consumer Affairs, and Campaign Finance Reform.

1 **AN ACT to renumber** 756.03 (1); and **to create** 756.03 (1) (b) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** excusing persons from jury service.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a court may excuse a person from jury service if the court determines that the person cannot fulfill the responsibilities of a juror. Current law allows the judge responsible for administering the jury system in the circuit court to authorize the clerk of circuit court (clerk) to grant an excuse for a person to serve as a juror, but the judge may limit the clerk's authority to grant an excuse. This bill allows a court, or the clerk if authorized by the judge, to also excuse a person from jury service if the person requests being excused because he or she has been selected to serve on a jury in this state on two or more previous occasions.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 756.03 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 756.03 (1) (a).

4 **SECTION 2.** 756.03 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

5 756.03 (1) (b) The court to which a person is summoned for jury service may
6 excuse the person from jury service if the person requests that he or she be excused

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SECTION 2

1 because he or she has been selected to serve on a jury in this state on 2 or more
2 previous occasions.

3 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

4 (1) This act first applies to persons summoned for jury duty on the effective date
5 of this subsection.

6 **SECTION 4. Effective date.**

7 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 4th month beginning after
8 publication.

9 (END)