

1 AN ACT relating to jurors.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 29A.100 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) Upon the request of a prospective juror prior to assignment to a trial court, the Chief
5 Circuit Judge, or after the juror's assignment to a trial court, the trial judge may
6 excuse such juror upon a showing of:

7 (a) Undue hardship; ~~;~~

8 (b) Extreme inconvenience; ~~;~~ or

9 (c) Public necessity.

10 (2) On the day on which the prospective jurors are summoned~~summonsed~~ to appear,
11 any person not previously excused who desires to be excused shall be heard.

12 (3)~~(2)~~ The Chief Circuit Judge may designate and authorize one (1) or more judges
13 of the court, the court's clerk, a deputy clerk, the court's administrator, or a deputy
14 court administrator to excuse a juror from service for a period not to exceed ten (10)
15 days or to postpone jury service for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months. The
16 reasons for excuse or postponement shall be entered in the space provided on the
17 juror qualification form.

18 (4)~~(3)~~ In his or her discretion the judge may excuse a juror from service entirely,
19 reduce the number of days of service, or may postpone the juror's service
20 temporarily for a period of time not to exceed, however, twenty-four (24) months.
21 Whenever possible the judge shall favor temporary postponement of service or
22 reduced service over permanent excuse. When excusing a juror, the judge shall
23 record the juror's name, as provided in KRS 29A.080, and the reasons for granting
24 the excuse.

25 (5)~~(4)~~ The judge shall excuse from jury duty:

26 (a) A mother who is breastfeeding a child or expressing breastmilk ~~from jury~~
27 ~~service~~ until such time as the child is old enough that the mother is no longer

1 breastfeeding the child; or[-]

2 (b) A person who is seventy-five (75) years of age or older upon his or her
3 request.

4 (6) Any person excused under subsection (5)(b) of this section may request that this
5 excuse be permanent and may subsequently request, in writing, to be included in
6 future jury lists provided he or she meets the qualifications required by this
7 chapter.