

1 AN ACT in regard to juries.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Jury Act is amended by changing Section
5 10.2 as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 305/10.2) (from Ch. 78, par. 10.2)

7 Sec. 10.2. Excusing prospective jurors; hardship.

8 (a) The county boards of the respective counties, the
9 jury commissioners for those counties which have been
10 appointed under the Jury Commission Act, or a jury
11 administrator shall submit questionnaires to prospective
12 jurors to inquire as to their qualifications for jury service
13 and as to the hardship that jury service would pose to the
14 prospective jurors. Upon prior approval by the chief judge
15 of the judicial circuits in which a county board, jury
16 administrator, or jury commissioners are situated, the county
17 board, jury administrator, or jury commissioners shall excuse
18 a prospective juror from jury service if the prospective
19 juror shows that such service would impose an undue hardship
20 on account of the nature of the prospective juror's
21 occupation, business affairs, physical health, family
22 situation, active duty in the Illinois National Guard or
23 Illinois Naval Militia, or other personal affairs, and cause
24 his or her name to be returned to the jury list or general
25 jury list.

26 (b) When an undue hardship caused by a family situation
27 is due to the prospective juror being the primary care giver
28 of a person with a mental or physical disability, a person
29 with a medically diagnosed behavior problem, or a child under
30 age 12, then the county board, jury commissioners or jury
31 administrator shall excuse such a prospective juror, if it

1 finds that no reasonable alternative care is feasible which
2 would not impose an undue hardship on the prospective juror
3 or the person for whom the prospective juror is providing
4 care, or both. For purposes of this Section, jury service
5 shall be deemed to impose an undue hardship on any person who
6 is not employed outside the home and is the sole care
7 provider of a child who is 4 years of age or younger.

8 (Source: P.A. 90-482, eff. 1-1-98; 91-264, eff. 7-23-99.)