

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005

SENATE BILL 321
RATIFIED BILL

AN ACT TO ALLOW PERSONS SEVENTY-TWO AND OLDER REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED FROM JURY DUTY TO REQUEST AN EXEMPTION FROM JURY SERVICE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 9-6.1 reads as rewritten:

"§ 9-6.1. ~~Excuses on account of age.~~ Requests to be excused.

Any person summoned as a juror who is ~~65~~⁷² years or older may establish his exemption and who wishes to be excused, deferred, or exempted may make the request without appearing in person by filing a signed statement of the ground of his the exemption request with the chief district court judge of that district, or the district court judge or trial court administrator designated by him the chief district court judge pursuant to G.S. ~~9-6(b)~~^{9-6(b)}, at anytime five days before the date upon which he the person is summoned to appear. A person may request either a temporary or permanent exemption under this section, and the judge or trial court administrator may accept or reject either in the exercise of discretion conferred by G.S. 9-6(b), including the substitution of a temporary exemption for a requested permanent exemption. In the case of supplemental jurors summoned under G.S. 9-11, such notice may be given when summoned. In case the chief district court judge, or the judge or trial court administrator designated by him the chief district court judge pursuant to G.S. 9-6(b), shall reject rejects the request for exemption, the prospective juror shall be immediately notified by the trial court administrator or the clerk of court by telephone, letter, or personally."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2005, and applies to persons summoned for jury service on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 27th day of June, 2005.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved _____m. this _____ day of _____, 2005