HOUSE BILL NO. HB0065

Jury procedure amendments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Kirkbride, Duncan and Lindholm and Senator(s) Boner and Kost

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for

- 1 AN ACT relating to civil procedure; amending provisions
- 2 related to causes for juror excusal; amending procedures
- 3 for juror exemption and discharge; and providing for an
- 4 effective date.

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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

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- 8 **Section 1**. W.S. 1-11-104(b)(i) and 1-11-105 are
- 9 amended to read:

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11 1-11-104. Causes for excusal.

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13 (b) For the purposes of this section:

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1 (i) A person has served on a jury during a jury 2 term when he is summoned to serve and he has complied with 3 the summons been selected as a juror in any court within 4 the judicial district and has taken the oath required under 5 W.S. 1-11-201; 6 7 1-11-105. Exemption affidavit required; failure to 8 file. 9 10 If a person exempt from jury duty is summoned as a juror, he may file his affidavit with the clerk of the court for 11 12 which he is summoned submit a declaration under penalty of perjury stating his office, occupation or employment 13 14 purported grounds for exemption. If the court determines 15 that the affidavit declaration sufficiently demonstrates 16 the person is not required to serve as a 17 pursuant to W.S. 1-11-103(a), the court shall discharge the person from serving as a trial juror for the jury term in 18 19 which he was summoned. A person who is discharged under 20 this section is not required to appear in court. Failure of 21 any person who is exempt to file the affidavit submit a declaration under penalty of perjury is a waiver of his 22 23 exemption, and he is required to appear upon the day for

1 which the jury is summoned and serve as a juror the same as

if he were not entitled to exemption <u>unless otherwise</u> 2

3 excused by the court.

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2020. 5

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7 (END)