HOUSE BILL NO. HB0065

Jury procedure amendments.

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

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

2 <u>excused</u> by the court.

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

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